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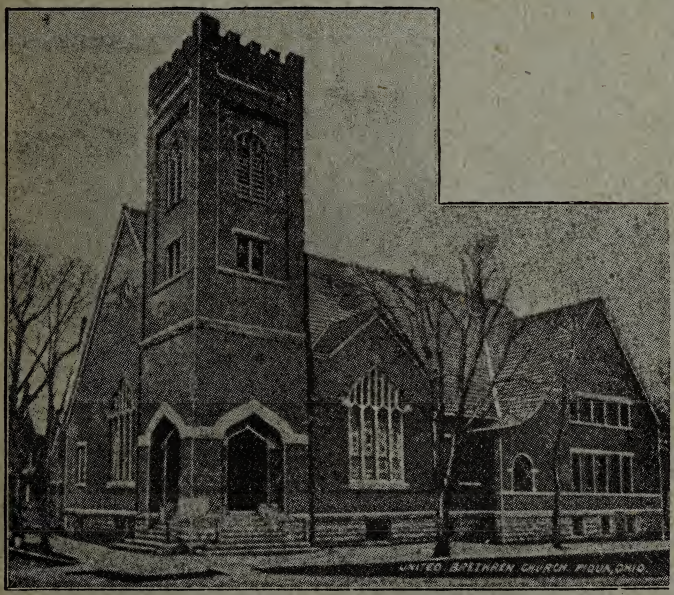

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Bowlusville, 67. J. P. Stewart.
Beavertown, 165. G. W. Hamilton,
Brookville, 318; Antioch, 157. I. Zimmerman, pastor.
Englewood, 57; Kingsville, 37. To be supplied.
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Cincinnati, Cheviot Mission. Miss Mary Geeting.
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Lewisburg, 253; Pyrmont, 94. E. P. Huddle, pastor.
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Piqua, 179. J. W. Kilbourn, pastor.

Rossburg, 102; Hiestand, 47; Rosehill, 45; New Weston, 60. A. Barnhardt, pastor.

Rosewood, 153; Union Chapel, 69; Salem, 68. J. H. Mayne, pastor.

Salem, 123; Arlington, 112; Philipsburg, 131; Georgetown, 101. Geo. T. Powell, pastor.

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Sulphur Grove, 122; Beardshear, 86. J. J. Mullaney, pastor.

Springboro, 68; Utica, 35; Oregonia, 38. To be supplied.

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Waterhouse, 83; Hillgrove, 66; Mt. Zion, 41; Pleasant Grove, 22. J. A. Albright, pastor.

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In Memoriam.

The following list includes all the deceased members of Miami Annual Conference of whom mention is made in Conference minutes. It is greatly to be regretted that greater care has not been observed in the preparation of the memoirs. In many cases the mere FACT of death ONLY is recorded.

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"They may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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FREDERICK KLINGER	1823
ABRAHAM PONSLER	1824
JOHN GEORGE PFRIMMER	1825
JOHN HARVEY	1828
THOMAS HAINES	1828
JACOB MAHAN	1829
ARCHIBOLD E. MICHAEL	1829
PHILIP SAUR	1832
MICHAEL COOVER	1839
GEORGE HOFFMAN	1839
ROBERT DUNCAN	1839
Ex-BISHOP ANDREW ZELLER	1839
JOSEPH H. FRY	1841
WILLIAM OGBORN	1841
PETER BONEBRAKE	1843
JACOB FLICKINGER	1844
CHRISTIAN SHEARER	1844
ISAAC V. D. ROBERTSON	1846
DAVID KISER	1848
FREDERICK BONEBRAKE	1849
ROBERT A. WHEAT	1850
WILLIAM R. LEWIS	1850
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Ex-BISHOP HENRY KUMLER	1854
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JACOB SURFACE	1861
DANIEL TROYER	1863
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STEPHEN M. HEARN	1877
WILLIAM NICHOLAS	1878
JACOB KING	1878
JAMES FLEENOR	1879
ADAM HETZLER	1880
JOHN SLIFE	1880
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W. W. COONS	1886
JAMES LONG	1888
CHRISTOPHER FLINCHBAUGH	1888
HENRY TOBEY	1889
CHESTER BRIGGS	1890
HENRY SURFACE	1891
JOSEPH GOMER	1892
LAWRENCE BURNS	1894
W. G. WELLS	1896
L. A. McGREW (Massacred in Africa, May 9)	1898
JOHN WALTERS	1899
W. R. HOULTON	1899
J. W. GLENN	1902
J. B. DOUGHMAN	1902
SARAH A. DICKEY	1904
GRANVILLE M. HEMPHILL	1905
CYRUS J. BURKERT	1905
COLUMBUS HALL	1906
WILLIAM McKEE	1907
J. D. HOLTZINGER	1907
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"Servant of God, well done!
Thy Glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

"Oh, how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

The Conference journal has been carefully examined, and all standing resolutions of special use are incorporated.

Conference of 1875, Miltonville session:

Resolved, That the missionary money appropriated to the different missions in this Conference be paid quarterly, and that no part of it be paid except by order of the presiding elder, and if in the judgment of the quarterly conference the misisonary fails to faithfully perform his work, it shall be in the power of the next Conference, upon the recommendation of the presiding elder, to withhold any part of the amount appropriated by this Conference.

Conference of 1880, Germantown session:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that hereafter the word "dropped" be applied only to persons who sustain the relation of seekers to the Church and cease to be such in fact, or such as are mentioned in Chapter V., Section 1, and Clause 3 of Discipline.

Conference of 1882, Dayton First Church session:

Resolved, That the examination in course of reading shall hereafter be conducted in writing.

Conference of 1890, Cherrygrove session:

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That the amount appropriated to Conference claimants be *hereafter paid quarterly* by the treasurer of said fund.

MISSION CHARGES.

Resolved, That the amount received as missionary appropriation by mission charges be added to the amount of salary received on the charge, and be so reported to the Conference chart.

Conference of 1892, Miami Chapel session:

Resolved, That the presiding elders shall be members *ex-officio* of the Board of Trustees for mission work within the bounds of the Conference.

Conference of 1902, New Madison session:

Resolved, That all the dividends from Publishing House be added to permanent Preacher's Aid Fund.

Conference of 1908, Union City session:

Resolved, That we continue the minimum salary plan in this Conference; and that appropriations to missions be made at least on the basis of the minimum salary where full time is rendered. All contingencies which may arise shall be referred to the Conference Board of Trustees by the presiding elder for adjustment.

MUTUAL BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

OF

Miami Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

The name of this society shall be the Mutual Beneficial Society of Miami Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this society shall be mutual benefit in case of death, as hereinafter stated.

Article III.—Membership.

1. Any minister of Miami Annual Conference may become a member of this society by a vote of the society, and paying to the Secretary one dollar entrance fee, which binds him to pay two dollars for the benefit of the heirs of each and every member on his death; the said two dollars to be paid to the Secretary of this society within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of the member.

2. Membership in this society must be taken within one year of entering into active service in the conference in the case of those coming from their quarterly conferences and those coming from other annual conferences or churches who have not reached the age of thirty-five years. If membership is not taken within that time, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member of this society since the applicant's first year of service in the Conference. In the case of those coming from other conferences or churches and who are over thirty-five years of age, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member since applicant became thirty-five years of age.

3. The wife of any minister of Miami Conference may become a member of this society, with the same privileges and advantages, upon the same conditions as ministers, provided such wife is in good bodily health at the time of the application.

4. Each member shall pay one dollar annually to the Secretary of the society, said sum to be paid at the annual session of the Conference. The Secretary shall give notice to all members of the time when payment shall become due.

Article IV.—Benefits.

The amount of two hundred dollars shall be paid on the death of any member of the society, to his wife, or her husband, or if none, then to his or her children, and if neither, then to his or her estate.

Article V.—Officers.

The officers of this society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Annual Conference.

1. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the society, and shall sign all orders for money to be paid out by the Treasurer; and in case of death, resignation, or absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform his duties.

2. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of all the transactions, and take charge of all the papers and books of the society. Within ten days after the death of a member he shall notify all surviving members of the date of the death of such member, and also the date on which the obligation of such must be met, and shall contersign all orders for money to be paid out by the Treasurer. He shall also see that each member is provided with a proper certificate of membership, and the amount of benefit due his heirs at his death, and sign said certificate himself, and secure the signature of the President to the same.

3. The Treasurer shall keep safely all money belonging to the society, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary. Within thirty days after the death of a member, on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, he shall pay to the heirs of such deceased member the amount of the benefit, two hundred dollars, herein prescribed. He shall give receipts for all moneys received, and take vouchers for all disbursed. He shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbursed to the regular meeting of the society at each Annual Conference session.

Article VI.

Transfer to another Conference of the United Brethren in Christ shall not forfeit membership; but any member who has been expelled, or has withdrawn from the Conference without its consent, forfeits his membership. Any person failing to pay the two dollars agreed upon within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of a member, or his annual dues, as herein provided for, shall from that time cease to be a member, and shall have no claim upon any benefits of the society, and shall not be reinstated until all omitted obligations are paid in full.

Article VII.—Meetings.

A regular meeting of the society shall be held annually during the session of the Conference at the call of the President. At such annual meeting the officers of the society shall be elected, by ballot, and such other business transacted as may be in accordance with the object sought by the society. A majority of the members, other than honorary, shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII.—Additional Notice.

All members who may not have paid within thirty days from the date of notice of the death of a member the agreed upon two dollars, shall be again notified by the Secretary of the time when the thirty days in which payment was to have been made expired, and shall be allowed ten days additional in which to pay the same; any member failing in this, his membership is forfeited.

Article IX.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the ministerial members present at a regular meeting of the society.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Albright, W. K.....1887
Albright, Nancy 1898
Arnold, G. W.....1887
Arnold, Mrs. G. W.....1898
Arnold, O. O.....1909
Arthur, E. J.....1897
Arthur, Alice Maud.....1902
Barnhardt, A. C.....1910
Beckett, J. N.....1893
Beckett, Mrs. J. N.....1905
Bilger, O. F.....1907
Boda, C. B.....1900
Bohn, F. H.....1887
Bohn, Louisa 1903
Bookwalter, L. 1890
Bowers, E. W.....1888
Bowers, Dora B.....1898
Burkert, Mrs. C. J.....1898
Bushong, T. F.....1887
Bushong, Laura M.....1898
Caylor, E. H.....1897
Comfort, M. I.....1906
Comfort, Geo. J.....1907
Denlinger, A. W.....1909
Denlinger, Laura E.....1909
Dunkelberger, A. 1887
Dunkelberger, Laura 1908
Farris, B. F.....1908
Farris, Hattie L.....1908
Flory, J. W.....1887
Flickinger, D. K.....1906
Fout, H. H.....1892
Fout, Adah C.....1901
Fowler, Elmer 1904
Fowler, Minnie 1904
Grigsby, F. G.....1896
Grigsby, Mrs. F. G.....1900
Hamilton, G. W.....1888
Hemphill, Ruth E.....1896
Huber, J. G.....1895
Huddle, S. 1887
Huddle, Elizabeth 1902
Judy, Clayton 1910
Judy, Mrs. Clayton.....1910
Keister, S. W.....1887
Kilbourn, J. W.....1890
Kilbourn, Mary A.....1898
Kissell, A. 1906
Kissell, Mrs. A.....1906
Klinefelter, W. H.....1895
Kurtz, C. W.....1894
Landis, J. P.....1887
Mathews, G. M.....1888
Mayne, J. H.....1887
McKee, Mrs. William.....1901
McNelly, Calvin 1906
Miller, C. W.....1887
Meyer, C. F.....1907
Moody, G. E.....1909
Moody, Ruth E.....1909
Niswonger, W. C.....1887
Niswonger, Clara A.....1898
Pantle, Jacob.....1892
Pantle, Ella 1902
Pruner, W. J.....1895
Replogle, J. W.....1893
Saul, E. E.....1887
Saul, Alma J.....1898
Sechrist, H. A.....1887
Sechrist, Rosetta 1898
Self, G. W.....1907
Self, Katherine 1908
Shuey, W. J.....1887
Smelker, W. H.....1910
Smelker, Muriel D.....1910
Swain, J. L.....1887
Swain, Hannah 1898
Stewart, J. P.....1902
Stewart, Matilda 1903
Stephens, C. W.....1902
Stephens, Minnie A.....1904
Underwood, W. I.....1910
VanSickle, W. M.....1891
VanSickle, Clara B.....1902
Wahl, G. A.....1905
Wahl, Lizzie A.....1908
Weimer, E. S.....1903

DECEASED.

Chester Briggs, died July 7, 1890; Lawrence Burns, died April 11, 1894; W. G. Wells, died July 24, 1896; L. A. McGrew, died May 9, 1898; Margery F. VanSickle, died September 13, 1898; Nancy Holtzinger, died May 4, 1899; John Walter, died May 14, 1899; W. R. Houlton, died June 15, 1899; G. M. Hemphill, died January 27, 1905; C. J. Burket, died November 12, 1905; J. D. Holtzinger, died June 4, 1907; Wm. McKee, died October 6, 1907; Elizabeth Hamilton, died October 22, 1907; S. M. Hippard, died May 22, 1909; C. H. Snyder, died January 27, 1910.

Amount of money in treasury.....$1,292.56

FIELD OF LABOR.	Name of Preacher.	No. Churches Organized.	No. New Churches Organized.	No. Churches Disorganized.	At Beginning of Year.	Received by Prof. of Faith.
Conference District—C. W. Kurtz, Presiding Elder.						
Arcanum	J. A. Pantle	1			295	5
Bowlusville	J. P. Stewart	1			66	13
Beavertown	G. W. Arnold	1			178	3
Brookville	I. Zimmerman	2			449	36
Cincinnati Willey Memorial	C. B. Boda	1			162	10
Clifton	C. McNelly	1			72	17
Norwood	F. H. Bohn	1			39	28
Cherry Grove	B. F. Farris	3			325	9
College Hill	R. M. Fox	1			26	42
Colerain	W. H. Smelker	4			222	12
Dayton First Church	C. J. Kephart	1			820	47
Cowden Memorial	W. L. Bunger	1			394	52
East End	W. T. Frank	1			241	42
Oak St.	E. S. Bowman	1			646	35
High St.	E. E. Saul	1			229	20
Troy St.	G. W. Self	1			189	21
Fairview	A. Dunkelberger	1			123	4
Olivet	D. R. Wilson	1			113	7
Belmont	J. B. Showers	1			100	28
Hartford St.	W. C. Niswonger	1			367	37
Home Avenue	J. E. Yingling	1			330	50
Miami Chapel	J. W. Flory	1			235	10
Summit St.	P. M. Camp	1			619	18
Ft. McKinley	F. B. Church	1			13	1
Carrmonte	Wm. S. Beamir	1			15	8
Eaton	M. I. Comfort	1			273	12
Eldorado	G. A. Wahl	3			335	18
Germantown	W. M. Van Sickle	1			375	26
Greenville	J. M. Replogle	1			284	9
Hamilton	A. W. Denlinger	1			115	11
Harrison	J. H. Sipe	2			205	1
Ithaca	S. E. Weimer	3			409	17
Kingsville	Geo. McClanathan	1			24	15
Lewisburg	E. P. Huddle	2			372	7
Liberty	J. H. Mayne	4			437	19
Lockington	M. F. Hawley	2			235	....
Miamisburg	C. Judy	1			186	5
Middletown	J. D. Nisewonder	1			287	7
Millville	C. V. Priddle	1			108	....
Mt. Healthy	Ruth E. Hemphill	1			130	6
New Hope	O. F. Bilger	1			133	6
North Bend	J. J. Mullaney	2			235	....
New Haven	O. D. Wellbaum	2			326	33
Newport	M. T. Hobson	1			154	15
New Madison	G. W. Kitzmiller	3			279	23
Otterbein	W. I. Underwood	1			167	41
Piqua	J. W. Kilbourn	1			167	19
Rosewood	G. W. Hamilton	3			289	....
Rossburg	F. H. Linville	4		1	252	9
Salem	G. T. Powell	4			460	19
Savona	O. O. Arnold	5	1		301	112
Springfield	W. H. Kleinfelter	1			303	4
Sulphur Grove	E. J. Arthur	2			208	6
Springboro	J. I. McKenzie	3			151	4
Union City	C. W. Stevens	1			281	22
Union Circuit	J. L. Swain	3			205	25
Vandalia	N. L. Linebaugh	3			339	....
Waterhouse	J. A. Albright	4			212	....
West Elkton	G. I. Comfort	5		1	437	14
Wagner	C. Plack	1			65	4
Aley	Chas. W. Shoop	1			61	....
Yorkshire	A. Barnhart	4			136	1
Cheviot	Mary Geeting	....	....	....	....	....
	Total	111	1	2	15417	1055
	Total of last year	111	1	....	15163	944
	Increase	....	....	2	254	111
	Decrease	....	....	....	....	....

Received by Letter.	Total in Church During Year.	Died.	All Other Losses.	Total Loss.	Present Number.	Increase.	Decrease.	Young People's Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	Brotherhoods.	Members.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars in Main Schools.
11	311	6	11	17	294	....	1	....	....	1	40	1	30	1	28	200
.....	79	1	11	12	67	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	9	....
....	181	3	13	16	165	....	13	1	47	....	....	1	36	1	16	132
10	495	4	16	20	475	26	....	2	120	2	76	....	....	2	54	338
3	175	1	18	19	156	....	6	1	33	....	....	....	....	1	38	338
9	98	....	....	....	98	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25	260
12	79	1	....	1	78	39	....	1	31	1	25	....	....	1	12	90
2	336	1	10	11	325	....	....	1	43	....	....	....	....	3	34	253
11	79	....	....	....	79	53	....	1	35	....	....	1	30	1	8	100
8	242	6	30	36	212	....	8	2	100	....	....	....	....	4	47	228
35	902	6	46	52	850	30	....	1	83	....	....	1	235	1	56	642
24	477	3	16	19	451	57	....	1	69	1	20	....	....	1	40	549
11	294	3	16	19	275	34	....	1	65	1	70	1	48	1	47	461
20	701	10	136	146	555	....	91	1	68	1	53	1	48	1	46	701
7	256	1	10	11	245	16	....	1	70	1	35	1	30	1	39	242
5	215	....	16	16	199	10	....	1	60	....	....	1	40	1	34	300
18	145	1	8	9	136	13	....	1	28	1	46	....	....	1	25	176
9	129	6	7	13	116	3	....	1	60	1	41	....	....	1	19	196
2	130	2	....	2	128	28	....	1	56	1	54	....	....	1	12	175
6	410	3	19	22	388	21	....	1	70	2	62	....	....	1	40	450
29	409	5	20	25	384	54	....	1	95	1	65	1	54	1	35	482
5	250	3	15	18	232	....	3	1	72	1	54	....	....	1	14	140
29	656	3	29	32	624	15	....	2	85	1	34	....	....	1	49	602
4	18	1	3	4	14	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	8	60
2	25	....	....	....	25	10	....	....	....	1	30	....	....	1	12	81
5	290	2	12	14	276	3	....	1	69	1	23	....	....	1	20	200
2	355	....	20	20	335	....	....	2	69	2	66	....	....	3	50	468
9	410	7	15	22	388	13	....	2	64	1	32	....	....	1	34	312
4	297	3	13	16	281	....	3	1	30	1	25	....	....	1	22	240
....	126	2	9	11	115	....	....	1	18	1	60	....	....	1	20	200
....	206	2	6	8	196	....	9	1	60	....	....	....	....	2	17	108
1	427	2	16	18	409	....	....	1	21	....	....	....	....	3	55	465
....	39	1	1	2	37	13	....	1	18	....	....	....	....	1	11	89
....	379	3	20	23	356	....	23	1	43	....	....	....	....	2	40	300
5	461	1	11	12	449	12	....	2	100	1	30	....	....	4	62	412
....	235	8	....	....	227	....	8	1	50	1	35	....	....	1	19	150
11	202	2	15	17	185	....	1	1	30	1	40	....	....	1	26	275
10	304	3	2	5	299	12	....	1	125	1	100	....	....	1	30	608
....	108	1	19	20	88	....	20	1	15	....	....	....	....	1	14	....
....	136	....	5	5	131	1	....	1	33	1	12	....	....	1	24	126
1	140	....	7	7	133	....	....	1	20	....	....	1	40	1	12	138
....	235	1	1	2	233	....	2	2	60	....	....	....	....	2	32	175
5	364	4	19	23	341	15	....	2	107	....	....	....	....	2	32	246
7	176	2	47	49	127	27	....	1	31	....	....	1	20	1	15	180
10	312	3	17	20	292	13	....	1	14	1	30	....	....	3	45	319
3	211	2	9	11	200	33	....	1	100	....	....	....	....	1	15	225
9	195	3	13	16	179	12	....	1	25	....	....	....	....	1	25	200
6	295	2	3	5	290	1	....	1	55	....	....	....	....	3	45	105
....	261	3	4	7	254	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	40	320
8	487	3	18	21	465	5	....	1	45	1	18	....	....	4	66	520
5	418	7	21	28	390	89	....	3	175	....	....	1	36	4	69	479
4	311	2	22	24	287	....	16	1	40	1	29	....	....	1	29	438
4	218	1	11	12	206	....	2	1	41	....	....	....	....	2	20	200
2	157	1	13	14	143	....	8	1	20	....	....	....	....	3	28	140
15	318	8	46	54	264	....	17	1	30	1	30	....	....	1	31	250
6	236	2	27	29	208	2	....	1	40	....	....	....	....	3	47	206
2	341	8	8	16	322	....	19	2	57	....	....	....	....	3	66	492
3	215	2	19	21	194	....	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	70	310
5	456	4	12	16	440	3	....	4	143	1	12	....	....	5	51	375
....	69	....	8	8	61	....	4	1	21	....	....	....	....	1	15	80
1	62	....	3	3	59	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	18	83
....	137	1	12	13	124	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	32	115
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
415	16674	166	954	1112	15555	693	286	67	3059	33	1247	12	647	110	1994	16740
454	16266	165	1085	1250	15417	627	493	65	2968	39	1565	7	327	112	2045	17625
....	408	1	....	....	138	66	....	2	91	....	....	5	320	....	....	....
39	....	....	131	138	....	....	207	....	....	6	318	....	....	2	51	885

FIELD OF LABOR.	Scholars in Home Dept.	Number in Cradle Roll.	Total Enrollment.	Average Attendance.	No. Adult Bible Classes.	Scholars in Ad't Bible Classes.	Sunday-school Libraries.	Volumes in Libraries.	Added 'Church from S. S.	Religious Telescope.	Watchword.	Friend for Boys and Girls.	Otterbein Teachers.
Conference District													
Arcanum	40	35	275	125	2	100	....	....	5	28	75	60	15
Bowlusville	....	....	70	35	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	15	5
Beavertown	33	27	208	85	1	35	....	....	3	14	75	....	6
Brookville	15	29	436	311	6	219	....	....	22	36	175	80	8
Cincinnati Willey Memorial	50	56	482	184	3	65	1	400	5	7	13	180	10
Clifton	19	41	345	167	2	36	1	8	22	2	35	100	15
Norwood	8	25	135	44	1	25	....	....	....	5	21	35	5
Cherry Grove	6	19	314	156	4	129	....	....	2	22	67	50	9
College Hill	....	17	125	58	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	25	10
Colerain	10	8	293	150	6	70	....	....	13	16	70	....	5
Dayton First Church	97	65	860	358	3	122	1	1513	27	68	275	70	25
Cowden Memorial	25	50	664	250	4	220	....	....	60	20	125	60	12
East End	27	76	564	264	7	161	....	....	26	11	110	125	20
Oak St	....	55	802	395	8	305	....	....	26	10	5	150	25
High St	47	27	337	155	7	93	1	420	15	11	90	30	25
Troy St	....	....	300	150	2	40	....	....	4	11	12	100	20
Fairview	28	18	247	95	3	35	1	40	4	8	45	40	12
Olivet	32	....	228	92	1	18	....	....	....	5	12	65	12
Belmont	....	45	232	110	2	70	....	....	....	10	14	65	10
Hartford St	....	62	552	280	4	200	1	200	15	13	125	....	....
Home Avenue	18	35	575	260	5	174	....	....	23	8	....	....	1
Miami Chapel	19	20	193	100	....	....	1	80	8	13	25	....	12
Summit St	66	30	747	310	5	165	1	150	16	29	150	200	25
Ft. McKinley	8	11	87	35	1	15	....	....	....	2	25	....	....
Carrmonte	....	14	107	60	1	20	....	....	6	....	....	30	7
Eaton	15	50	285	95	4	78	....	....	11	33	50	25	11
Eldorado	....	66	581	245	9	177	....	....	15	37	135	....	17
Germantown	8	25	379	190	9	150	....	....	26	43	125	25	24
Greenville	....	28	290	125	2	70	1	200	8	28	85	35	13
Hamilton	....	40	260	125	1	25	....	....	7	7	....	35	8
Harrison	....	....	125	75	....	....	....	....	....	3	40	10	7
Ithaca	12	61	593	295	3	54	....	....	16	45	75	75	26
Kingsville	....	....	95	60	....	....	....	....	5	2	20	24	6
Lewisburg	....	38	378	191	....	....	1	200	7	21	135	75	15
Liberty	....	80	554	277	2	40	....	....	18	61	153	68	18
Lockington	....	3	172	70	4	50	1	100	....	14	60	....	10
Miamisburg	15	26	342	101	1	39	....	....	5	6	60	55	8
Middletown	48	72	728	314	3	242	....	....	5	19	125	100	17
Millville	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	25	....	5
Mt. Healthy	25	34	209	80	2	36	1	150	3	16	15	45	10
New Hope	....	11	161	65	2	58	....	....	....	10	6	50	6
North Bend	25	30	230	155	8	60	1	90	....	5	40	50	18
New Haven	57	32	335	166	3	80	1	20	24	29	75	12	13
Newport	20	18	233	100	....	....	....	....	....	6	35	70	10
New Madison	25	27	416	226	5	91	....	....	7	32	120	15	19
Otterbein	2	11	253	98	2	71	....	....	35	17	50	100	6
Piqua	50	35	310	105	2	40	....	....	12	11	50	40	10
Rosewood	10	68	228	125	8	22	....	....	5	32	75	50	....
Rossburg	8	12	380	225	....	....	....	....	9	15	25	50	....
Salem	70	90	746	280	3	55	3	195	9	46	185	105	40
Savona	....	35	514	245	2	60	....	....	66	24	115	25	....
Springfield	30	40	508	215	2	60	1	150	5	15	100	....	....
Sulphur Grove	7	20	290	100	....	....	....	....	....	13	30	50	7
Springboro	....	....	168	80	....	....	....	....	....	5	25	20	1
Union City	55	30	386	164	4	120	1	200	8	17	80	40	....
Union Circuit	....	....	307	75	....	....	....	....	13	16	70	80	12
Vandalia	....	51	609	225	....	....	1	725	....	22	100	40	33
Waterhouse	....	20	410	180	1	14	....	....	....	16	55	50	13
West Elkton	20	24	419	300	1	20	1	10	13	32	100	50	30
Wagner	12	....	92	52	....	....	1	134	....	7	30	....	7
Aley	25	18	144	52	....	....	1	60	....	3	....	....	....
Yorkshire	....	....	147	100	....	....	1	318	....	6	....	40	3
Cheviot	....	2	60	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	5
Total	1087	1862	21555	9840	161	4009	24	5363	644	1069	4013	3029	722
Total of last year	871	1445	19714	9884	114	3036	23	5355	496	1050	4428	2635	812
Increase	216	417	1841	....	47	973	1	8	148	19	....	394	....
Decrease	....	....	....	44	....	....	....	....	....	....	415	....	90

Otterbein Adult Quarterly.	Otterbein Senior Quarterly.	Otterbein Int. Quarterly.	Otterbein Home Dept. Quarterly.	Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves.	Lessons for Our Juniors.	Graded Series Beginners.	Graded Series Primary.	Graded Series Juniors.	Woman's Evangel.	Froeliche Botschafter.	Jugend Pilger.	Pastor's Salary Paid by Charge.	Missionary Appropriation.	Presents Received.
125	....	30	40	75	60	....	....	....	7	....	....	875 00	.....	30 00
....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	200 00	.....	5 00
25	....	75	35	....	25	....	....	....	14	....	....	650 00	.....	50 00
50	200	105	20	75	70	....	....	....	45	....	....	800 00	.....	75 00
70	50	....	40	50	....	30	30	100	1	....	....	600 00	150 00	83 00
30	....	35	19	100	....	40	25	40	....	....	....	200 00	500 00	10 00
30	5	....	8	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	350 00	500 00	.....
....	90	35	8	30	25	7	7	7	....	....	....	700 00	.....	.....
....	20	15	....	10	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	225 00	200 00	.....
....	100	60	24	240	45	....	....	....	11	....	....	520 00	.....	15 00
....	250	50	120	....	....	30	45	80	86	....	....	2,000 00	.....	75 00
60	30	70	25	....	....	25	35	....	20	....	....	1,250 00	.....	52 00
60	75	100	28	....	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	1,000 00	.....	24 00
85	75	110	....	100	....	9	60	50	23	....	....	1,250 00	.....	10 00
....	75	50	50	....	....	20	30	4	9	....	....	1,000 00	.....	.....
60	50	50	....	30	75	....	....	....	11	....	....	450 00	300 00	50 00
45	45	40	25	35	40	....	....	....	8	....	....	485 00	243 00	20 00
....	50	45	32	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	304 00	200 00	16 00
....	75	65	....	....	30	....	....	....	3	....	....	325 00	200 00	.....
....	250	....	....	50	100	....	....	....	19	....	....	1,050 00	.....	25 00
....	175	125	18	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	800 00	.....	30 00
....	....	75	....	100	35	....	....	....	30	....	....	600 00	.....	109 00
20	175	100	50	50	60	....	....	....	40	....	....	1,300 00	.....	.....
....	5	12	12	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	65 00	.....	.....
....	25	25	....	15	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	50 00	5 00	.....
....	125	....	15	40	20	....	....	....	15	....	....	650 00	.....	68 00
....	182	30	....	20	45	....	....	....	12	....	....	775 00	.....	40 00
....	275	30	....	....	30	....	....	....	29	1	....	850 00	.....	20 00
25	85	45	....	25	35	....	....	....	9	....	....	800 00	.....	30 00
....	60	48	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	400 00	500 00	20 00
....	40	30	....	20	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	140 00	.....	.....
....	290	100	12	....	100	....	....	....	6	....	....	600 00	.....	43 00
18	20	24	....	12	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	90 00	.....	5 00
....	175	25	....	25	....	20	1	....	16	....	....	700 00	.....	15 00
80	265	75	....	....	80	....	....	....	16	....	....	750 00	.....	15 00
70	15	30	5	15	15	....	....	....	8	....	....	600 00	.....	.....
....	50	....	20	13	....	20	25	35	13	....	....	575 00	50 00	.....
....	190	....	45	....	....	....	....	....	17	....	....	900 00	.....	.....
....	35	5	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	145 00	.....	40 00
45	70	....	25	....	25	....	....	....	2	....	....	550 00	50 00	30 00
25	....	....	25	....	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	541 00	50 00	35 00
....	70	50	25	15	80	....	....	....	....	....	....	711 00	200 00	.....
65	124	40	48	30	48	....	....	....	16	....	....	556 00	.....	108 00
25	25	50	21	....	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	750 00	150 00	100 00
....	152	....	25	40	....	40	15	32	13	....	....	950 00	.....	87 00
....	150	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	550 00	.....	70 00
125	....	50	....	....	35	....	....	....	1	....	....	400 00	500 00	15 00
....	175	35	10	....	40	....	....	....	8	....	....	700 00	.....	86 00
6	140	150	10	....	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	500 00	.....	125 00
25	240	180	70	40	....	....	....	....	48	....	....	714 00	.....	26 00
265	....	20	12	40	80	....	....	....	....	....	....	650 00	.....	30 00
20	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	700 00	.....	35 00
10	....	188	70	....	35	....	....	....	1	....	....	635 00	.....	65 00
....	100	40	....	15	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	490 00	.....	80 00
40	80	35	55	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	700 00	.....	20 00
60	70	125	....	100	40	....	....	....	1	....	....	432 00	.....	.....
....	287	60	....	....	65	....	....	....	20	....	....	725 00	.....	88 00
....	....	235	....	....	42	....	....	....	....	....	....	581 00	.....	115 00
20	325	48	20	....	42	....	6	....	....	....	....	600 00	.....	50 00
....	60	....	15	....	....	24	....	....	....	....	....	260 00	.....	.....
....	50	....	35	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	160 00	.....	5 00
....	60	20	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	247 00	.....	102 00
....	10	30	....	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	74 00	.....	.....
1584	5865	3110	1117	1464	1765	265	279	348	615	1	....	38,20000	3,798 00	2,30200
1504	6945	2509	913	1202	2449	....	....	....	690	....	....	36,293 00	3,796 00	2,09800
80	....	601	204	262	....	265	279	348	....	1	....	1,907 00	2 00	204 00
....	1080	....	....	....	684	....	....	....	75	....	....	.....	.....	.....

FIELD OF LABOR.	Value of Parsonage Rent.	Total Received by Pastor.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Collected for Local Current Expenses.	For Church and Parsonage Buildings.	Collected for Local S. S. Purposes.
Conference District.						
Arcanum	125 00	1,030 00	42 00	340 00	125 00	217 00
Bowlusville	.....	205 00	10 00	56 00	.....	20 00
Beavertown	100 00	800 00	28 00	321 00	244 00	203 00
Brookville	150 00	1,025 00	40 00	248 00	1,135 00	542 00
Cin. Willey Memorial	200 00	1,033 00	26 00	250 00	700 00	259 00
Clifton	300 00	1,000 00	12 00	886 00	514 00	125 00
Norwood	.....	850 00	12 00	500 00	100 00	117 00
Cherry Grove	100 00	800 00	40 00	183 00	200 00	175 00
College Hill	.....	425 00	4 00	21 00	309 00	123 00
Colerain	60 00	595 00	27 00	419 00	.....	144 00
Dayton First Church	100 00	2,475 00	70 00	4,533 00	2,693 00	1,410 00
Cowden Memorial	.....	1,302 00	35 00	622 00	939 00	438 00
East End	.....	1,024 00	16 00	254 00	2,223 00	240 00
Oak St	250 00	1,510 00	55 00	1,483 00	.....	447 00
High St	.....	1,000 00	30 00	275 00	981 00	215 00
Troy St	180 00	980 00	16 00	314 00	404 00	265 00
Fairview	.....	748 00	12 00	125 00	245 00	205 00
Olivet	.....	520 00	8 00	238 00	456 00	10 00
Belmont	.....	525 00	8 00	75 00	1,076 00	210 00
Hartford St	.....	1,075 00	36 00	344 00	532 00	448 00
Home Avenue	200 00	1,030 00	30 00	350 00	165 00	355 00
Miami Chapel	150 00	859 00	28 00	60 00	75 00	185 00
Summit St	.....	1,300 00	60 00	938 00	5,200 00	365 00
Ft. McKinley	.....	65 00	.....	51 00	40 00	52 00
Carrmonte	.....	55 00	.....	71 00	.....	73 00
Eaton	150 00	868 00	16 00	152 00	1,075 00	83 00
Eldorado	.....	815 00	40 00	522 00	352 00	263 00
Germantown	150 00	1,020 00	48 00	325 00	15 00	365 00
Greenville	200 00	1,030 00	36 00	185 00	210 00	137 00
Hamilton	.....	920 00	14 00	271 00	1,404 00	162 00
Harrison	.....	140 00	13 00	76 00	340 00	72 00
Ithaca	100 00	743 00	40 00	225 00	361 00	275 00
Kingsville	.....	95 00	4 00	50 00	40 00	44 00
Lewisburg	100 00	815 00	28 00	185 00	305 00	210 00
Liberty	100 00	900 00	48 00	585 00	1,122 00	396 00
Lockington	100 00	700 00	24 00	141 00	.....	82 00
Miamisburg	150 00	775 00	20 00	160 00	137 00	324 00
Middletown	300 00	1,200 00	32 00	235 00	575 00	424 00
Millville	.....	185 00	9 00	38 00	.....	28 00
Mt. Healthy	180 00	810 00	22 00	129 00	140 00	100 00
New Hope	100 00	727 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....
North Bend	.....	911 00	18 00	200 00	.....	115 00
New Haven	.....	664 00	38 00	142 00	1,461 00	153 00
Newport	.....	1,000 00	26 00	222 00	.....	199 00
New Madison	100 00	1,132 00	32 00	391 00	1,479 00	206 00
Otterbein	100 00	720 00	30 00	100 00	2,075 00	128 00
Piqua	.....	915 00	16 00	188 00	1,700 00	183 00
Rosewood	85 00	871 00	39 00	274 00	100 00	250 00
Rossburg	75 00	700 00	28 00	200 00	150 00	150 00
Salem	100 00	840 00	44 00	825 00	236 00	375 00
Savona	.....	680 00	35 00	320 00	250 00	193 00
Springfield	125 00	860 00	34 00	242 00	169 00	206 00
Sulphur Grove	75 00	775 00	24 00	125 00	200 00	115 00
Springboro	.....	570 00	10 00	84 00	.....	35 00
Union City	150 00	870 00	25 00	116 00	1,482 00	215 00
Union Circuit	.....	432 00	20 00	300 00	.....	250 00
Vandalia	75 00	888 00	45 00	383 00	147 00	409 00
Waterhouse	.....	696 00	24 00	335 00	30 00	223 00
West Elkton	100 00	750 00	40 00	353 00	1,090 00	190 00
Wagner	.....	260 00	10 00	114 00	.....	100 00
Aley	.....	165 00	10 00	60 00	.....	38 00
Yorkshire	50 00	399 00	12 00	41 00	18 00	45 00
Cheviot	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 00
Total	4,880 00	49,180 00	1,619 00	21,242 00	35,019 00	13,670 00
Total of last year	4,355 00	45,888 00	1,476 00	17,861 00	43,118 00	13,190 00
Increase	525 00	3,292 00	143 00	3,381 00	.....	480 00
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,099 00	.....

Collected for Home Missions.	Special for Home Missions	Total for Home Missions.	Collected for Foreign Missions.	Special for Foreign Missions.	Total for Foreign Missions	Woman's Missionary Assoc.	Conference Church Extension	Church Erection.	Church Erection Special.	Parsonage Erection.
20 00	.....	20 00	23 00	70 00	93 00	70 00	.....	.....	75 00	.....
2 00	.....	2 00	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32 00	15 00	47 00	53 00	15 00	68 00	64 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 00	16 00	46 00	74 00	10 00	84 00	332 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 00	.....	19 00	42 00	.....	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 00	.....	13 00	77 00	.....	77 00	143 00	.....	.....	82 00	.....
200 00	.....	200 00	500 00	.....	500 00	531 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 00	72 00	97 00	100 00	12 00	112 00	231 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....
43 00	15 00	58 00	199 00	15 00	214 00	61 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
138 00	11 00	149 00	316 00	11 00	327 00	173 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
86 00	.....	86 00	135 00	8 00	143 00	65 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....
27 00	.....	27 00	33 00	.....	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21 00	22 00	43 00	21 00	.....	21 00	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 00	1 00	12 00	16 00	2 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12 00	.....	12 00	13 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32 00	100 00	132 00	32 00	.....	32 00	113 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....
7 00	.....	7 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28 00	13 00	41 00	30 00	33 00	63 00	107 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
164 00	50 00	214 00	161 00	50 00	211 00	524 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12 00	8 00	20 00	33 00	8 00	41 00	53 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 00	10 00	41 00	141 00	.....	141 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 00	45 00	75 00	54 00	35 00	89 00	222 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 00	7 00	40 00	32 00	8 00	40 00	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 00	6 00	21 00	15 00	6 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12 00	.....	12 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 00	.....	31 00	36 00	.....	36 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 00	.....	3 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9 00	.....	9 00	19 00	20 00	39 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 00	5 00	39 00	111 00	.....	111 00	246 00	.....	.....	1500	15 00
5 00	17 00	22 00	5 00	13 00	18 00	34 00	.....	.....	3 00	1 00
14 00	.....	14 00	14 00	.....	14 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
46 00	18 00	64 00	81 00	68 00	149 00	50 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....
2 00	.....	2 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 00	5 00	32 00	34 00	8 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
10 00	17 00	27 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
64 00	28 00	91 00	30 00	18 00	48 00	102 00	.....	.....	41 00	.....
5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
76 00	.....	76 00	102 00	.....	102 00	63 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 00	.....	26 00	29 00	.....	29 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 00	.....	20 00	20 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 00	6 00	31 00	44 00	.....	44 00	44 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	23 00	.....
95 00	.....	95 00	158 00	.....	158 00	189 00	.....	.....	85 00	.....
18 00	.....	18 00	31 00	.....	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28 00	.....	28 00	54 00	.....	54 00	158 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 00	.....	19 00	31 00	.....	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 00	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 00	5 00	31 00	25 00	5 00	30 00	53 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....
21 00	2 00	23 00	3 00	.....	30 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
30 00	25 00	55 00	41 00	.....	41 00	52 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....
8 00	.....	8 00	9 00	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50 00	17 00	68 00	48 00	.....	48 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 00	.....	15 00	17 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
13 00	.....	13 00	23 00	.....	23 00	38 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 00	.....	4 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,838 00	538 00	2366 00	3322 00	420 00	3736 00	4120 00	4,133	1,388	397 00	26 00
1,066 00	1,389 00	2,455 00	2,897 00	576 00	3,773 00	4,080 00	3,751	1,083	125 00	.....
772 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	382	305	272 00	26 00
.....	851 00	89 00	575 00	156 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

FIELD OF LABOR.	Sunday-School General Fund.	Y. P. S. C. E. General Fund.	Brotherhood General Fund.	Children's Day Offering.	Bishop's Salary.	Preacher's Aid.	Preacher's Aid [for Conference]	Beneficiary Education.	Bonebrake Theological Seminary.
Conference District									
Arcanum				5 00					
Bowlusville				3 00					
Beavertown									
Brookville				13 00					
Cin. Willey Memorial				4 00					
Clifton				3 00					
Norwood				3 00					
Cherry Grove		15 00							
College Hill				2 00					
Colerain				8 00					
Dayton First Church									
Cowden Memorial		4 00							
East End				5 00					
Oak St.				5 00					
High St.		3 00		5 00					
Troy St.									
Fairview		5 00							
Olivet		2 00		4 00					
Belmont				5 00					
Hartford St.				8 00					
Home Avenue									
Miami Chapel				2 00					
Summit St									
Ft. McKinley				2 00					
Carrmonte									
Eaton		2 00		3 00					
Eldorado				2 00					
Germantown				4 00					
Greenville									
Hamilton				5 00					
Harrison				6 00					
Ithaca				6 00					
Kingsville									
Lewisburg				2 00					
Liberty				10 00					
Lockington				1 00					
Miamisburg									
Middletown									
Millville									
Mt. Healthy		15 00		2 00					
New Hope									
North Bend									
New Haven				15 00					
Newport				3 00					
New Madison				9 00					
Otterbein				4 00					
Piqua		15 00		5 00					
Rosewood				8 00					
Rossburg									
Salem				8 00					
Savona									
Springfield				7 00					
Sulphur Grove									
Springboro				2 00					
Union City				7 00					
Union Circuit				10 00					
Vandalia		2 00		9 00					
Waterhouse				9 00					
West Elkton			10 00	6 00					
Wagner				6 00					
Aley				4 00					
Yorkshire				2 00					
Cheviot									
Total	318 00	63 00	10 00	232 00	687 00	731 00		275 00	550 00
Total of last year	328 00			266 00	534 00	382 00		265 00	514 00
Increase		63 00	10 00		153 00	349 00		10 00	36 00
Decrease	10 00			34 00					

Contributions to Colleges, Seminary, etc.	College Assessment.	College Trustees' Exp.	Annual Conference Expense Fund.	General Conference Expense Fund.	Bible Cause.	Budget.	Total for all Purposes.	No. Church Houses.	No. Parsonage.	Built this Year.	Value of Church House and Grounds.
40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00	2,332 00	1	1	....	10,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	426 00	1	.....	....	1,200
15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 00	2,003 00	1	1	....	6,000
25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275 00	3,893 00	2	1	....	16,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	80 00	2,472 00	1	1	....	7,500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	2,585 00	1	1	....	14,500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	1,635 00	1	.....	....	15,500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 00	1,663 00	3	1	....	8,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	906 00	1	.....	....	3,200
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	1,665 00	4	1	....	18,000
598 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	735 00	13,908 00	1	1	....	102,000
40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00	4,118 00	1	.....	....	22,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00	4,324 00	1	.....	....	6,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	435 00	4,585 00	1	1	....	30,000
27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	3,124 00	1	1	....	11,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	2,533 00	1	.....	....	10,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	1,555 00	1	.....	....	25,00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1,336 00	1	.....	....	5,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1,929 00	1	.....	....	5,000
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FIELD OF LABOR.	Debt on Church.	Value of Parsonage and Lot.	Debt on Parsonage.	Total.	Net Value.	Months Employed.	No. Minutes Wanted.	Anti-Saloon League.
Conference District.								
Arcanum		1,800		11,800	11,800	12	60	
Bowlusville				1,200	1,200	12	15	
Beavertown		2,000		8,000	8,000	12	40	
Brookville		2,500	2,400	18,500	17,000	12	75	124
Cin. Willey Memorial		1,500		9,000	9,000	12	45	57
Clifton	9,500	7,000	3,000	22,000	9,500	12	20	
Norwood	5,900				9,600	12	18	3
Cherry Grove	1,500			9,500	9,500	12	60	
College Hill	950			3,200	2,250	12	25	
Colerain		1,300		19,300	19,300	10	75	
Dayton First Church	2,619	8,000	8,000	110,000	98,850	12	150	146
Cowden Memorial	2,800			22,000	19,200	12	75	113
East End				6,000	6,000	12	75	68
Oak St	3,000	3,000		33,000	30,000	12	75	
High St		1,200		12,200	12,200	12	60	
Troy St	1,950	3,000	1,675	13,000	9,375	12	40	58
Fairview				2,500	2,500	12	37	25
Olivet	1,254			5,000	3,746	12	12	50
Belmont	500			5,000	4,500	12	30	
Hartford St	500			12,000	11,500	12	75	53
Home Avenue		2,500	1,000	7,000	6,000	12	40	24
Miami Chapel		4,000		9,000	9,000	12	40	35
Summit St				22,000	22,000	12	60	
Ft. McKinley				800	800	12	7	
Carrmonte						7	5	
Eaton	1,825	2,500		10,500	8,675	12	40	
Eldorado				14,000	14,000	12	90	14
Germantown		2,000		14,000	14,000	12	80	32
Greenville		2,500		7,800	7,800	12	30	
Hamilton	9,500			14,000	4,500	12	25	6
Harrison				4,000	4,000	8	10	
Ithaca	300	1,800	196	18,800	18,304	12	100	22
Kingsville	450			3,300	2,850	12	10	12
Lewisburg		1,600		11,600	11,600	12	60	28
Liberty	1,350	1,400		27,400	26,050	12	84	10
Lockington		1,500		7,500	7,500	12	15	
Miamisburg		3,200	1,200	9,200	9,000	12	25	25
Middletown		4,000		16,000	16,000	12	40	
Millville				2,500	2,500	8	20	
Mt. Healthy		2,000		4,500	4,500	12	40	20
New Hope		1,000	150	6,000	5,850	12	30	
North Bend				2,500	2,500	12	30	
New Haven				9,000	9,000	12	86	
Newport		1,000	800	13,000	12,200	12	40	25
New Madison		1,400		17,500	17,500	12	90	21
Otterbein		1,600		9,600	9,600	12	40	
Piqua				15,000	15,000	12	28	
Rosewood		1,000		8,100	8,100	12	60	
Rossburg		1,000		8,000	8,000	12	75	
Salem		2,000	550	16,900	16,350	12	135	55
Savona				7,500	7,500	12	50	40
Springfield		1,500		7,000	7,000	12	60	
Sulphur Grove		2,000		5,500	5,500	12	50	
Springboro		1,000		9,000	9,000	12	30	
Union City		2,000		12,000	12,000	12	60	42
Union Circuit				5,000	5,000	12	50	
Vandalia		1,200		9,200	9,200	12	100	
Waterhouse				6,800	6,800	12	60	36
West Elkton		2,300		14,800	14,800	12	80	43
Wagner				5,000	5,000	12	12	28
Aley				2,500	2,500	10	25	
Yorkshire				4,000	4,000	12	4	
Cheviot								
Total	43,898	79,300	18,971	721,000	676,500	727	3078	1215
Total of last year	53,536	81,150	19,953	707,100	643,986	696	3119	1449
Increase				13,900	32,514	31		
Decrease	9638	1850	982				41	234

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Churches—Organized churches, 111.

Ministers—Active itinerants, 61; supernumerary itinerants, 7; superannuated itinerants, 10; local preachers, 23.

Members—At the beginning of the year, 15,417; received by profession of faith, 1,055; received by letter, 415; total in Church during year, 16,674; died, 166; all other losses, 954; total loss, 1,112; present number, 15,555; increase, 138.

Sunday Schools—Number of Sunday schools, 110; teachers and officers, 1,994; scholars in Home Department, 1,087; Cradle Roll, 1,862; total enrollment, 21,555; average attendance, 9,840; number of Adult Bible classes, 161; scholars in Adult Bible classes, 4,009; added to Church from Sunday school, 644.

Christian Endeavor—Societies, 67; members, 3,059; Junior societies, 33; members, 1,247; Brotherhoods, 12; members, 647.

Literature — Religious Telescope, 1,069; Watchword, 4,013; Friend for Boys and Girls, 3,029; Otterbein Teacher, 722; Adult Quarterly, 1,584; Senior Quarterly, 5,865; Intermediate Quarterly, 3,110; Home Department Quarterly, 1,117; Weekly Lesson Leaves, 1,464; Lessons for Our Juniors, 1,765; Graded Series Beginners, 265; Primary, 279; Juniors, 348; Woman Evangel, 615.

Finance—Total received by pastors, $49,062; presiding elder, $1,619; current expenses, $21,242; for church and parsonage building, $35,019; for local Sunday school, $13,670; total for Home Missions, $2,366; total for Foreign Missions, $3,736; Woman's Missions, $4,120; Conference Church Extension, $4,133; Church Erection, $1,388; Children's Day offering, $232; Bishop's salary, $687; Preachers' Aid, $731; Beneficiary Education, $275; Bonebrake Seminary, $550; for colleges and seminaries, $1,148; Otterbein University, $550; budget, $8,632; total for all purposes, $145,470.

Property—Church-houses, 112; value, $655,600; parsonages, 36; value, $79,300.

Miami Conference Minutes

[OFFICIAL RECORD.]

The one hundred and first session of the Miami Annual Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ met in the First United Brethren Church, of Piqua, Ohio, August 31, 1910, at 9 a.m., with Bishop G. M. Mathews, D.D., an honored member of this Conference, presiding. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung, Miss Clara Nelson presiding at the piano. The Conference was led in prayer by Rev. D. K. Flickinger, D.D., and Presiding Elder C. W. Kurtz.

The Bishop read and expounded the Thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians, and led us feelingly to the throne of God in prayer.

The Conference Quartet, composed of Revs. J. M. Replogle, W. L. Bunger, W. T. Frank, and D. R. Wilson, sang "Come, Spirit, Come." The Bishop referred tenderly in his opening remarks to his former close and tender relations to this, his own Conference, speaking in endearing terms of a number who have passed from labor to reward, and of others who are still in active service for Christ and the Church.

The theme of his opening address was "Key Words of the Kingdom as Set Forth in the New Testament." He said:

"Certain key-words are set forth in the New Testament. One of these key-words is 'humanity.' All the New Testament writers present Jesus as a man—a real man, 'bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,' and so vitally related to humanity that he is one with us in complete identification. The New Testament also presents Jesus as the representative of a universal humanity.

"He is called not 'a son of man,' but 'the' son of man; the ideal man of the race; the head of humanity who gives to his kingdom the high character of a brotherhood. The New Testament terms, God, 'Our Father' and Jesus, our 'Brother Man,' shows the kinship of mankind and the brotherhood of the race. That is what I mean by the key-word, 'humanity.'

"In the Tower of London I saw all the various implements of warfare, from the most barbarous to the highest civilization. Right below me were 50,000 guns ready to shoot fellow-men down for national provocation. What a comment these deadly instruments of warfare were upon even our so-called best civilization. Nations rise up in arms and men shoot each other down as their method of settling disputes.

"How much at variance this spirit is with the New Testament teachings which set forth the idea of brotherhood as illustrated in him who is the Prince of Peace. The very sight of the great British and German fleets made me feel more and more like preaching the gospel of peace, for international arbitration and adjustment.

"All men are so many social units in a great world kinship. It has come to the question now, not only to ask 'Am I my brother's keeper?' but in the light of the New Testament teaching, men are making the better statement, 'I am my brother's brother,' in the solidarity of our humanity.

"Now this solidarity of humanity brings tremendous responsibility.

"Here is where our common Christianity grips every Christian.

"Every Christian is a philanthropist. That is, he is a brother to every other person in this brotherhood kingdom. In Edinburgh, Scotland, I saw painted on the street leading to the World's Missionary Convention, by a poor needy man, words expressing the true genius of Christianity. 'Blessed is the heart that feels for another.' That great convocation in which all the nations of the earth were represented was a magnificent illustration of this world brotherhood idea. Then a sense of this world kinship will hold our possessions in trust for the good of humanity.

"We are stewards of God to our fellow-men everywhere in this broad kingdom. Personality is a trust. Talent is a trust. Wealth is a trust. The beneficent use of our possessions is the test of Christian discipleship. Benevolence and selfishness stand at antipodes. Benevolence is an evidence of godliness. Selfishness is the foe of mankind. Men become rich toward God by investment in others; not in laying up, but laying out their possessions for humanity. It is easy to set up a pole and paint the word 'Man' on it; but that does not make a man. A man in the vision of Jesus Christ is a brother who feels the passion of Christ in the heart beats of the race and who feels that the other fellow that touches his elbow is his brother who deserves his helpful sympathy just because he is a man, for whom Jesus died.

"Another key-word in this kingdom is life.

"The New Testament makes the life of Jesus the supreme thing in redemption, whether it relate to individual, social, national, or racial redemption. Jesus said, 'I am come, to give abundant life.' He taught doctrine, ethics, discipline, law, organization. But what are these without the touch of life. Men need rest, joy, solace, inspiration, heroism, moral attraction, conscious fellowship with Christ more than anything else.

"And it is the supreme problem of good leadership to lead the local church to the conscious joy and power of this rich Christ life.

"Preachers are to be pitied who spend undue energy over subordinate and minor things. Money, numbers, methods, discipline, government are important; but these are poor things in church work without the atmosphere of a joyous, active life. Life is fundamental and unselfish. St. John says of Christ, 'In him was life and the life was the light of men.'

"Then this life is a symphony of many notes.

"We blunder if we hold the church to the religious note exclusively. We must not forget that there are other harmonious notes in the music of life. Christ encompasses, harmonizes, and sanctifies all life, social, industrial, educational, aesthetic, and religious. And church leaders blunder when they fail to recognize the entire harmony of Christian life.

"In Europe one is profoundly impressed with the value and glory of life. Marks of the hoary past and illustrations of historic events are seen everywhere. Statues, mausoleums, sarcophagi, inscribed tablets, mummies, and dead ritualism greet one on all sides until his heart longs for living things. In Paris, Doctor Hough and I found our way one Sunday evening to the English services of the Church of England.

"Our souls were refreshed and delighted as they sang, with spiritual vigor, that familiar hymn:

> "There's a name I love to hear,
> I love to sing its worth;
> It sounds like music in my ear,
> The sweetest name on earth."

"It was as sweet as honey from a mountain rock; as refreshing as the water of an Alpine spring; as exhilarating as a fountain gushing out of a Scottish highland. Life, enthusiasm, movement, achievement, progress, doing things—this is attractive and winning.

"Another key-word of the kingdom is "power."

"The New Testament is not simply a book of theory, or conception, or vision. It is a program of fulfillment, a history of achievement, an optimistic setting forth of the possibility of the final realization of this great brotherhood. Hence the New Testa-

ment emphasizes the dynamics of Christianity. And the source of this dynamic power is the divine kingship of Jesus Christ.

"The Gospel of humanity has a glorious optimism in it because of its divine headship. Christ, in his incarnation, is all that humanity needs. Jesus meets every need and supplies every want of our humanity.

"The gospel has power to make good its assurances, that lost men can be rescued; degraded characters can be transformed; ruined humanity can be reconstructed. Everywhere the gospel note is triumphantly optimistic. Every chasm shall be filled. Every mountain and hill shall be leveled. The winding way shall be straightened, the rough roads made smooth, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

"Jesus knew the tremendous task of establishing his kingdom among men both intensively and extensively. The erection of Christian character and the domiciling of Christianity in all lands require extraordinary power. We would quail before the magnitude of this world problem of humanity were it not for this dynamic that Paul called the 'power of God.' Paul made a mighty appeal to the Romans who were worshipers of power by showing them that the gospel is the power of God through Jesus Christ, the prince of life, the conquering world commander, the hero king of the ages. Christ has already lodged in humanity a divine energy that shall transform the world and make all things new.

"When Dr. A. J. Brown, of New York, had encircled the world and saw the glorious fruits of the glorious gospel of Christ, he came back, repeating with deeper meaning that familiar melody of America:

" 'I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,
They are building him an altar in the evening dews and damps,
I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on.

" 'He hath sounded forth a trumpet that shall never call retreat.
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet.
Our God is marching on.'

"This is the day of our opportunity and our responsibility. But it is also the day of God's power and triumph in partnership with his faithful disciples."

The quartet sang another delightful selection. All these young men have voices of an excellent tonal quality and they blended in beautiful harmony. The Bishop made a few remarks urging all

to attend strictly to the devotional exercises, and there was a chorus of "Amens" from the Conference.

Following the Bishop's address, Rev. J. L. Swain led in prayer. The quartet rendered a selection.

On the motion of Rev. J. L. Swain it was voted to suspend the rules and instruct the former recording secretary to cast the ballot for the former secretaries, which was done, resulting in the reëlection of W. C. Niswonger, statistical, and W. M. VanSickle, recording secretaries, for this session of Conference.

Rev. J. J. Mullaney was recognized as correspondent for local and Cincinnati papers, and Rev. G. W. Self for Dayton papers.

The Conference voted to secure the services of a typewriter from the Ideal Business College, of Piqua, so that all conference reports may be legible. It was ordered that seven rows of seats constitute the bar of the Conference. The provisional program prepared by Rev. J. W. Kilbourn and Presiding Elder Kurtz was adopted as the official program of the Conference.

It was ordered that the Bishop appoint the committees, which was done. See Report No. 1.

Dr. H. S. Gabel, General Church Erection Secretary, Dr. J. E. Fout, Manager of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and Dr. J. S. Kendall, Christian Stewardship Secretary, were introduced and given the usual courtesies.

Rev. E. S. Bowman, D.D., Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, and Rev. H. Smelker were recognized and invited to sit within the bar.

Dr. D. K. Flickinger moved that every one who shall address the Conference shall speak in a clear, audible tone of voice, which was heartily concurred in by unanimous vote.

Various committee meetings were announced.

Dr. A. J. Brown, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the Conference.

Adjourned on motion with the benediction by Rev. W. L. Bunger.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop Mathews called the Conference to order at 1:30 p.m. Song No. 114 was sung, Rev. J. A. Pantle leading. Prayer by

Rev. J. E. Fout, D.D. The quartet sang "May the Lord Depend on You."

Dr. C. J. Kephart read a scripture lesson and spoke of the deeper life in Christ, emphasizing the need of fruits resulting therefrom. Jesus Christ is the head of the church, the source of its life. Faith is the medium of union with Christ. This union should result in perfection in him.

He emphasized the need of real and true living in our relation with our fellow-men. He condemned the philosophies of men, which are but a hollow sham, except as they point to Christ. No individual has a right—not even the Pope of Rome—to tie men down to the *traditions* of men. The truth as it is in Jesus Christ alone should bind us. There is in every man a *capacity* to be filled with Christ. Paul would intensify the life of the church so that it would attract men to Christ. He closed with a short prayer.

The quartet sang "Help Me to be Holy."

The presiding elder, C. W. Kurtz, read his report. See Report No. 2.

W. H. Smelker, Norman Bevis, and W. I. Underwood were referred to the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

Rev. E. S. Bowman and Rev. F. B. Church were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev. W. C. Niswonger read the report on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The report was adopted. See Report No. 3.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by C. J. Kephart, D.D. The report was adopted. See Report No. 4.

Rev. J. W. Flory and Rev. D. R. Wilson were appointed as a committee on nominations for all elective offices of the Conference for next year.

The report on Church Erection was read by Rev. E. E. Saul. The report was adopted. See Report No. 5.

Rev. H. S. Gabel, General Church Erection Secretary, spoke very forcibly on the subject.

Dr. D. K. Flickinger mentioned the fact that Church Erection had its beginning in Miami Conference, and commended the work

of Rev. H. A. Sechrist as field secretary of the Church Erection Society, thus honoring the Conference and the Church.

Dr. G. S. J. Brown, district agent for the American Bible Society, was accorded the privilege of speaking about the open doors in every land for the colporteur. His speech was well received and resulted in voting to have the Finance Committee apportion $250 to the various charges for the next year for the Bible cause.

After announcements the Conference adjourned on motion with the benediction by Dr. W. J. Shuey.

THURSDAY, MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 8:30 the Conference was called to order by the Bishop. Song No. 200 was sung. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Chapman and President W. G. Clippinger. Bro. J. A. Pantle led in singing "Bringing in the Sheaves." The quartet also sang "On the Rock of Ages Founded" very effectively.

Bishop W. M. Weekley, of Kansas City, Mo., then gave an address on Bishop Jonathan Weaver, which was a marvelous portraiture of a great man who has left his impress upon the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, whose full measure can not be known until eternity's archives are opened on the judgment day. The quartet sang very tenderly "In That Beautiful Land" at the close of the Bishop's magnificent address.

Rev. O. F. Bilger was referred to the Committee on Elder's Orders.

Rev. F. H. Linville was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation, as was also the name of Rev. Osee D. Welbaum.

The matter of minimum salary was referred to the Finance Committee.

Revs. F. H. Linville and Morton Hobson were accorded the courtesies of the Conference.

The Auditing Committee was instructed to formulate a plan for pastors to report their finances next year to the Conference.

It was voted that "Otterbein Day" be observed at a time and in a manner to be agreed upon by the college management and the pastors of the Conference.

Rev. E. E. Saul offered a resolution in reference to the Bonebrake Seminary, which was adopted. See Report No. 6.

J. E. Fout, D.D., Manager of Bonebrake Seminary, addressed the Conference, advocating, in a forceful way, a higher cultured and more spiritual ministry.

J. J. Mullaney's report as pastor was approved.

Adjourned on motion with benediction by Dr. H. Garst.

THURSDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:30. The song service was conducted by Rev. W. I. Underwood. Dr. W. J. Shuey, who has been a member of the Conference longer than any other living man, and who has not missed a Conference for sixty-five years, led us in a deeply spiritual prayer.

The quartet sang "The Riches of Love in Christ Jesus." Dr. E. S. Bowman read a part of the Sixteenth Chapter of Matthew, and spoke on "The Church's Opinion of Christ" in such a way that an outline would inadequately convey an idea of its versatility and richness. He clearly emphasized the need of the power of *Christ* in pulpit and pew, *always* and *everywhere,* thus showing the transforming power of Jesus Christ in the lives of his followers. He closed with a tender appeal to God for help to live Christ-like lives before the world.

The quartet followed with "Is He Yours."

At this time Rev. J. L. Swain, Rev. W. C. Niswonger, and Dr. G. W. Arnold, the Committee on Memoirs, conducted the memorial service for those of our number who had died during the year. The quartet opened the service by singing "The Lord will Comfort Thee." Rev. W. C. Niswonger read an obituary on the life of Rev. C. H. Snyder. See Report No. 6½. Rev. G. W. Arnold spoke briefly of the work of Brother Snyder as a pastor. Rev. J. L. Swain, who was Brother Snyder's presiding elder when he was licensed to preach the gospel of Christ, spoke very appreciatingly of his life and work while he was in the pastorate.

Rev. G. W. Hamilton spoke in reference to the life, faith, and peaceful death of Mrs. Christian Bodey, who passed into the beyond during the year. Rev. J. P. Stewart, who had been asso-

ciated with her husband as his presiding elder, also spoke briefly.

The Conference quartet closed the service with a suitable selection.

It was voted that a standing memorial committee shall be appointed by the Bishop. Rev. J. H. Mayne and Rev. E. E. Saul were named as such committee.

Reverend Huffman, pastor of the Reformed Church of Piqua, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. W. L. Bunger read the report on Education. See Report No. 7.

President W. G. Clippinger spoke on the outlook and material needs of Otterbein University.

The report was amended and adopted by vote.

The following pastors' reports were examined and passed: E. S. Bowman, Oak Street, Dayton; R. M. Fox, College Hill, Cincinnati; N. L. Linebaugh, Vandalia; E. P. Huddle, Lewisburg; O. D. Welbaum, New Haven; B. F. Farris, Cherry Grove; G. L. McClanathan, Kingsville; W. H. Smelker, Colerain; J. W. Flory, Miami Chapel, Dayton; W. C. Niswonger, Hartford Street, Dayton; J. B. Showers, Belmont, Dayton; E. S. Weimer, Ithaca; Geo. J. Comfort, West Elkton; G. A. Wahl, Eldorado; C. J. Kephart, First Church, Dayton; G. W. Self, Troy Street, Dayton; A. Dunkelberger, Fairview, Dayton; M. I. Comfort, Eaton. Miss Etta Odle, of the Eaton congregation, having recently gone to Africa as a missionary, was tenderly remembered at the throne of grace. Dr. D. K. Flickinger, one of the three who first went as our missionaries to Africa, led in prayer.

Examination of pastors' reports was continued. Miamisburg, Clayton Judy; Olivet, D. R. Wilson; Sulphur Grove, E. J. Arthur; Hamilton, A. W. Denlinger.

After announcements were made a motion was passed to adjourn.

The doxology was sung and the session was closed with the benediction by Rev. J. P. Stewart.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 8:30 Bishop Mathews rapped his gavel, calling the Conference to order.

Rev. J. A. Pantle led in singing "I'm Pressing on to Higher Ground."

The Bishop read the Nineteenth Psalm and spoke of the great blessings and privileges of prayer. Dr. W. J. Shuey led in prayer and was followed by a number of brethren in short, stirring prayers until our hearts were greatly strengthened for service in the Master's kingdom. The quartet sang "Come, Spirit, Come" very effectively. The Bishop spoke in a reminiscent vein of the past history of the Conference, and then of the wider outlook we are getting on the present opportunities for enlargement for our Zion.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Nelson, of Miamisburg, special prayer was had for the toiling women of the local church, who served us so faithfully and efficiently in preparing and serving our meals.

Mr. L. O. Miller read a resolution in reference to the future financial policy of our Conference, which was adopted. See Report No. 7½.

It was voted that P. M. Camp, D.D., shall receive $50 for his services as Conference Church Erection and Conference Board of Trustees treasurer for the past year.

The presiding elder was instructed, by vote, to see that the delegates to the next Annual Conference be elected at the third quarterly conference.

H. C. Cridland presented the following report, which had been adopted by the laymen. See Report No. 8.

The report of Committee on Candidates for the Ministry was read by Rev. J. D. Nisewonder. After discussion it was adopted as read. See Report No. 9.

The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted. See Report No. 10.

The report of the Committee on Elder's Orders was read and adopted. See Report No. 11.

Reverend Collins, pastor of the A. M. E. Church of Piqua, was introduced to the Conference.

The names of the unemployed ministers of the Conference were called and their characters all passed, except that of E. J. Blackburn. The recording secretary was instructed to communicate with this brother and urge that he make an adjustment with the treasurer of the Educational Beneficiary Fund. As the names

were called brief remarks were made by T. F. Bushong, D. K. Flickinger, W. J. Shuey, W. K. Albright, C. W. Miller, D. Berger, H. A. Bovey, and Henry Garst.

Dr. C. J. Kephart made some touching remarks in reference to the power of God to keep men clean as he has kept these aged servants of his through a long busy life.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and, on motion, taken up item by item. The first item was adopted. The balance of the report was laid on the table until the afternoon session.

Rev. J. E. Knipp, of Pennsylvania Conference, and Bishop W. M. Weekley were given the courtesies of the Conference.

The vote for presiding elder was taken, resulting in the election of C. W. Kurtz on the first ballot.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned on motion with the benediction by Dr. H. Garst.

FRIDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. W. I. Underwood led in singing "Only where Jesus is." Prayer by W. H. Klinefelter, D.D., and Rev. F. H. Bohn.

Song No. 18 was sung, followed by prayer by Rev. G. A. Wahl. Rev. O. F. Bilger sang "He will Hold me Fast." Dr. J. G. Huber spoke on "Our Lost Ideals and how We may Regain Them" after having read a part of the First Chapter of Ezra and a part of the First Chapter of Haggai.

"*Ideals* make demands upon us for *recognition.*" Only as we have *high* ideals shall we succeed. At the close of this good address, "It was just what He Promised to Do" was sung, followed with prayer by Rev. W. L. Bunger.

Miss Mary S. Geeting read a strong, helpful paper on Deaconess Work, which, by vote, was ordered published in the minutes. See Report No. 12.

It was ordered that the name of Clarence E. Hague, which was omitted from the report of the Committee on Applicants last year, be inserted by the secretary, and that his request for a transfer to Northern Illinois Conference be granted.

By vote, the Conference authorized the Bishop to appoint a Committee on Deaconess Work. The following committee was named: J. G. Huber, C. B. Boda, H. H. Fout, C. J. Kephart, and C. W. Kurtz.

Dr. J. G. Huber and Dr. D. K. Flickinger gave short talks on deaconess work.

Dr. D. Berger read the report on Moral Reform. The report was adopted. See Report No. 13.

Rev. J. E. Knipp was at this time accorded the privilege of speaking five minutes on Foreign Missions.

Rev. G. W. Self read the report on Publishing interests. See Report No. 13½. Dr. J. M. Phillippi, Editor of the Religious Telescope, spoke on the report. Dr. H. H. Fout, Editor of our Sunday-school Literature, spoke of the plan adopted by the Belmont church of Dayton, to put the Telescope into each new family that unites with the Church during the year, free.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was taken from the table and adopted, item by item, and as a whole. See Report No. 14.

The following pastors' reports were examined and passed on: Summit Street, P. M. Camp; Lockington, M. F. Hawley; Springfield, W. H. Klinefelter; Home Avenue, J. E. Yingling; Bowlusville, J. P. Stewart; Springboro, J. P. Stewart; Millville, C. V. Priddle; Harrison, J. Sipe; Yorkshire, A. C. Barnhardt; New Madison, G. W. Kitzmiller; East Dayton, W. T. Frank; Union Circuit, J. L. Swain; Liberty, J. H. Mayne; High Street, E. E. Saul; Rosewood, G. W. Hamilton; Aleys, Chas. Shoop; New Hope, O. F. Bilger; Arcanum, J. A. Pantle; Willey Memorial, C. B. Boda; Savona, O. O. Arnold. At this time, Mrs. J. C. Myers, of Miamisburg, brought the greetings of Miami Branch W. M. A. Rev. C. B. Boda offered the following resolutions, which were adopted. See Report No. 15.

Examination of pastors' reports was resumed: Beavertown, G. W. Arnold; Piqua, J. W. Kilbourn. Dr. H. H. Fout and L. O. Miller spoke of the heroism of the Piqua people and pastor, and that such a spirit will surely bring victory to the cross of Christ.

$25 was voted to Rev. J. L. Swain for his services as Conference missionary treasurer for the past several years, the same to be paid out of the Conference Church Extension Fund.

F. L. Dustin, Esq., Editor of the American Issue, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. M. Phillippi, Editor of the Religious Telescope, and Rev. C. W. Miller, of the Pennsylvania Conference, were invited to advisory seats among us.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. L. Bunger. The report was adopted. See Report No. 15½.

Adjourned on motion with the benediction by Rev. T. F. Bushong.

SATURDAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 a.m. the Bishop called the Conference to order, and Rev. J. A. Pantle led in singing No. 89. Rev. H. A. Sechrist and Rev. G. W. Hamilton led in prayer. The Conference sang No. 111. The devotional services closed with the quartet singing "Rock of Ages."

Prof. M. A. Honline, educational secretary of the Board of Control, gave a logical, scientific, and yet plain address on the Graded Lessons in the Sunday School, which will surely bear fruit in the future.

Dr. C. J. Kephart read a resolution on Deaconess Work, which was adopted by vote of the Conference. See Report No. 16.

J. G. Huber, H. H. Fout, C. J. Kephart, C. B. Boda, and C. W. Kurtz were chosen as a permanent Deaconess Board, their terms to expire in the following order: J. C. Huber, 1911; H. H. Fout, 1912; C. J. Kephart, 1913; C. B. Boda, 1914; C. W. Kurtz, 1915.

The report on Temperance submitted by Mr. A. A. Maysilles was adopted by vote. See Report No. 17.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. J. W. Flory.

The report of the Committee on First Year's Course of Reading was read and accepted by vote. See Report No. 18.

Report of Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading was read and adopted. See Report No. 19.

Pastors' reports were again taken up, as follows: Carrmonte, Dayton, W. G. Beamis; Wagner, C. Plack; Middletown, J. D. Nisewonder; Clifton, Calvin McNelly; Utica and Oregonia, J. A. McKenzie; Waterhouse, J. A. Albright; Otterbein, W. I. Underwood; Rossburg, F. H. Linville; Brookville, Ivory Zimmerman; Mt. Healthy, Ruth E. Hemphill; Greenville, J. M. Replogle; Cowden Memorial, W. L. Bunger.

The name of W. L. Bunger was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, at his request, for a transfer to Alleghany Conference.

Rev. J. D. Nisewonder read the following resolutions, which were adopted. See Report No. 20.

The report on Home Missions was read by H. H. Fout, D.D. Dr. C. Whitney, Home Missionary Secretary, gave us a ringing address on the subject. The report was adopted. See Report No. 21.

After announcements were made the session closed with the benediction by Doctor Whitney.

SATURDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At one o'clock the Conference convened and began the devotional service by singing "I Am Listening."

Dr. H. H. Fout read a scripture lesson, after which the quartet rendered a selection. Doctor Fout read a fine paper on "The Relation of the Child to the Kingdom." Rev. C. W. Hendrickson rendered as a bass solo, "Oh! Make Me Pure," quite effectively.

The remaining pastors' reports were passed upon: Newport, M. Hobson; Union City, C. W. Stephens; Salem, Geo. T. Powell. H. H. Fout, W. T. Frank, and G. W. Self were named as the Committee on Home Missions by the Bishop.

L. O. Miller read the report of the Auditing Committee, which was approved. See Report No. 22.

The ballots were distributed and the vote taken for the elective officers of the Conference for next year. J. M. Replogle and D. R. Wilson were appointed as tellers and reported the following persons elected to the various positions named: Recording secretary, W. M. VanSickle; statistical secretary, W. C. Niswonger; Otterbein

University trustees, full term, H. A. Sechrist; unexpired term, L. O. Miller; ministerial education, J. P. Landis, J. L. Swain, and E. S. Bowman; Conference Board of Trustees, full term, L. M. Mittendorf; unexpired term, C. J. Kephart.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by C. B. Boda, the committee secretary, and was adopted as read. See Report No. 23.

Dr. S. D. Faust, Professor in Bonebrake Theological Seminary, was voted the courtesies of the Conference.

Rev. J. D. Nisewonder read the report on Christian Stewardship. The report was adopted. See report No. 24. Rev. J. S. Kendall, D.D., Christian Stewardship Secretary, spoke very forcibly on the subject.

Bishop F. M. Ovelton, of the Free African M. E. Church, was introduced and spoke to the Conference for a few minutes.

Rev. P. M. Camp, treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, read his report of the Conference Church Extension Fund. His report was approved. See Report No. 25.

Rev. P. M. Camp, treasurer of Conference Board of Trustees, read his report of Conference Church Erection Funds. The report was approved. See Report No. 26.

Rev. P. M. Camp read his report as Conference treasurer of the Budget Collections. His report was approved. See Report No. 27.

Presiding Elder W. C. Kurtz read his report of the "Miami Conference Herald." The report was approved. See Report No. 28.

It was voted to continue the publication of the "Conference Herald" while it pays the expense of publication and mailing.

C. W. Kurtz, J. E. Yingling, H. C. Cridland, C. J. Kephart, and E. E. Saul were continued as Conference Herald Publishing Committee for the ensuing year.

J. D. Nisewonder, G. W. Self, and C. B. Boda were named as Christian Stewardship Committee for next year.

The secretaries and Rev. J. L. Swain are to constitute the Committee on Publication of the Conference Minutes.

The secretaries and Presiding Elder C. W. Kurtz were constituted a committee on program for next year's Conference.

The report on Resolutions was read by Rev. C. B. Boda and adopted. See Report No. 29.

It was voted that the next Annual Conference shall be held at the East Dayton church.

Rev. J. L. Swain read his report as missionary treasurer. The report was approved. See Report No. 29.

Rev. H. A. Sechrist, treasurer of Preachers' Aid Fund, read his report. It was adopted. See Report No. 30.

The report on Sabbath Observance was ordered printed without being read. See Report No. 31.

The names of the standing committees for next year were read by the Bishop.

The minutes of the day were read and approved by vote of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned on motion. "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" was sung. The Conference closed with prayer and benediction by Dr. D. K. Flickinger.

G. M. Mathews, D.D., Bishop.
W. M. VanSickle, Recording Secretary.
W. C. Niswonger, Statistical Secretary.

Reports

REPORT NO. 1.—COMMITTEES.

1. On Devotion—J. W. Kilbourne, C. W. Kurtz, and O. A. Miller.
2. Candidates for Ministry—J. L. Swain, B. F. Farris, G. W. Hamilton, J. D. Nisewonder.
3. Conference Relations—C. J. Kephart, F. H. Bohn, G. W. Kitzmiller, W. T. Frank.
4. Elder's Orders—J. P. Stewart, J. M. Replogle, M. I. Comfort.
5. Memoirs—W. C. Niswonger, J. L. Swain, G. W. Arnold.
6. Auditing Accounts—C. J. Hall, A. T. Martin, L. O. Miller.
7. Nominations—J. W. Flory, D. R. Wilson, O. D. Welbaum.
8. Boundaries and Finance—C. W. Kurtz, J. W. Kilbourne, P. M. Camp, W. M. VanSickle, C. B. Boda, J. A. Pantle, J. E. Yingling, J. W. Morrison, R. C. Fellers, L. A. Whyte, F. M. Laughlin, C. W. Wheeler.

REPORT NO. 2.—REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER.

To the Bishop, Ministers, and Lay Delegates of the Miami Annual Conference, Greeting.

In the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we are assembled in the one hundred and first session of the Miami Conference. Another year of toil and labor has been added to the history of our fathers. The year has passed rapidly to all of us and God has been rich in blessing to all. As ministers, he has blessed our labors with a fair degree of success and none of those active in the Conference have been disabled or died during the year. As laymen, he has blessed you in your toil on farm, in shop, in store, and factory, and in your service and coöperation in the Church.

As I submit this, my fourth report, to your honorable body, I recognize with due appreciation God's blessings upon me personally, and also your favor and hearty coöperation in my work of the year. May God own our mutual service, and may our work abide.

We began the year with 60 charges and 111 organized churches. One new class was organized at Carrmonte, a suburb of Dayton, with 16 charter members, and now reports 25. Wm. G. Beamis was appointed to take charge of this work. The new mission at Cheviot was also taken up under the care of the Willey Memorial quarterly conference, and in May, Miss Mary S. Geeting, a deaconess

from the M. E. Missionary training school, Cincinnati, was appointed to take charge for the summer. A good Sunday school has been in operation for about eighteen months, but no class has been organized. Provision should be made by this Conference for this work.

The membership of the Conference has been increased about 1,400, which, after deducting losses, should give us a membership of about 16,000.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Immediately after Conference last year, Rev. T. F. Bushong resigned Kingsville and G. L. McClanathan was appointed.

Rev. A. Dunkelberger resigned Vandalia charge and was appointed to Fairview, which was left to be supplied. N. L. Linebaugh was appointed to Vandalia.

October 19, D. E. Barton resigned the Aley appointment and C. W. Shoop was appointed.

November 8, A. Bitner resigned Millville and C. V. Priddle was appointed in December.

November 25, G. E. Moody resigned Harrison and J. A. Sipe was appointed to fill out the year.

F. B. Church was appointed to Ft. McKinley, which was placed under the care of the First Church.

At the first quarterly meeting of the New Madison charge, New Madison and Yankertown agreed to support the pastor, G. W. Kitzmiller, and A. Kissel was appointed to Pleasant Hill.

Vandalia and Ginghamsburg also agreed to support the pastor, N. L. Linebaugh, and Englewood has been supplied by G. L. McClanathan in connection with Kingsville.

K. G. Beamis was appointed to Carrmonte, January 15. Miss Mary S. Geeting was appointed to Cheviot in May.

DEATHS.

The only death occuring during the year among the ministers was that of C. W. Snyder, chaplain in the U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Sheridan. He joined the Conference at Philipsburg in 1898, and died January 27, 1910, and was buried at Antioch, February 1.

The Conference also sustained a great loss in the death of a number of prominent laymen who labored faithfully in their day in their congregations, and were pioneers in the work of the Conference: Jacob Judy, of Browns Run; Samuel Judy, of Germantown; C. W. Shimp, formerly of State Road and later of Germantown; Solomon Singer, of Lewisburg; and S. E. Kumler, of First Church, Dayton.

Mrs. Naomi E. Bodey, wife of Christian Bodey, who was a member of the Rosewood quarterly conference, died at St. Paris, June 29.

NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The New Haven class added an addition to their church, consisting of three classrooms for men's, ladies', and primary classes, costing $1,500, all of which has been paid. This church was formally reopened by the elder, October 24, 1909, assisted by I. Zimmerman, the former pastor, who began the enterprise, and by the pastor, O. D. Welbaum.

The new church in which this session is being held was dedicated December 6, 1909, Dr. H. H. Fout having charge of the services. This enterprise was begun by Rev. T. F. Bushong, assisted by the elder, February, 1908, in holding a four weeks' meeting, reorganizing the board of trustees, securing $2,500 in subscriptions from the congregation, and selecting the location. The building cost $13,000. Great credit is due the former pastor, T. F. Bushong, and J. W. Kilbourne, and the loyal and united congregation for this excellent building and equipment. On the day of dedication $5,000 was secured and $1,700 has been paid on debt during the year.

The Otterbein class, W. I. Underwood, pastor, is building an addition, consisting of Sunday-school room and basement, costing about $3,500, all of which has been provided for in good subscription and $2,085 has been paid. This will be in harmony with the splendid homes and farm buildings in this prosperous community.

The Yankeetown congregation, under the leadership of the pastor, G. W. Kitzmiller, and a good building committee, are building a cement block church, costing about $4,000. This building takes the place of one of the oldest church buildings in Darke County, built over seventy-five years ago, and commands the attention of the community and the commendation of the Conference. The funds have been secured and $1,300 collected.

East Dayton is building a new auditorium and parsonage, costing about $16,000. This is a brick building and frame parsonage, and when completed will be a great credit to the congregation and the Conference. The subscription secured amounts to $10,418 and cash paid, $2,223. The building is now about under roof and will be dedicated in the late fall. Rev. W. T. Frank, the pastor, is leading the congregation hopefully forward in this enterprise.

At the third quarterly meeting, Springfield took steps to erect a new auditorium provided that $5,000 could be secured in subscription by July 1. This campaign was opened by the elder, April 24. $3,260 pledged on that date and the balance has been secured by the committee, and plans are being matured to put in the foundation this fall. This will be an addition to the old building, costing about $8,000, and will give increased influence in the community and better facilities for church work. W. H. Klinefelter is the pastor.

The High Street congregation, E. E. Saul, pastor, has also begun work on their new building, to be located on lots purchased several years ago. The old frame dwelling has been removed and the foundation will be put in at once. The cost is to be about $18,000. There is secured on subscription $7,200. The old property is valued at $5,000, and an active campaign will be carried on to secure additional funds.

Summit Street has secured in subscription $30,000, and has paid in cash $7,000 on church lots with $7,000 on hand for building. The building is to cost about $60,000. The canvass is being pushed and the foundation will be begun in the early fall. The pastor, P. M. Camp, and soliciting committee have pushed this canvass and the building will be the best arranged and equipped in the Conference.

The Willey Memorial church was dedicated by the elder, June 26, assisted by P. M. Camp. The church was built and completed in 1898, and was to be dedicated in August of that year when Conference met there in annual session; but not sufficient was secured in funds and no provision was made, so the church was not dedicated. The pastor, C. B. Boda, and the congregation have worked well and should be commended for this victory. There was a debt of $3,775, $500 of which was paid this last year and the balance in the four years preceding.

Clifton observed their fourth anniversary on June 12 with appropriate services and secured $2,260 in subscription and cash on debt. Bishop T. C. Carter had charge of these services and was much appreciated. The congregation and pastor, C. McNelly, are working heroically to meet the demands of this thickly settled community and to meet their financial obligations.

The Germantown congregation, W. M. VanSickle, pastor, has secured in subscription $10,000 to enlarge and remodel their church. The plan is to build an addition consisting of basement and Sunday-school rooms, put in a gallery, elevate the floor, relocate the pipe organ, and make a modern church building adapted to the needs of the congregation.

The Fairview congregation, A. Dunkelberger, pastor, has taken steps toward a new building to be located on new lots purchased two years ago at a cost of $900. The Ladies' Aid Society and board of trustees together have paid $650 of this amount. About $700 has been secured in subscription from five individuals and the old property is valued at about $1,500. This matter will be pushed during the coming year.

Ft. McKinley has also started a new building enterprise. A clear title will be secured to the present property, which was donated by Mr. Benn, of Dayton, valued now at $800, and it will be sold and a new location secured. A subscription of $1,400 has been

secured and this work will be carried out during the year. F. B. Church has rendered good service in making this enterprise possible. These enterprises when completed will aggregate $140,000.

West Elkton also made great improvement in their church by the addition of new pews and carpet, costing $780. Of this amount $500 was the gift of Mrs. Louise Jones, who made this provision in her will.

Other improvements were made and debts paid, as follows: Beavertown, $370; Brookville, $1,100; Clifton, $524 on debt and $535 interest; Cherry Grove, $124; College Hill, $335; Bethel, $200; First Church, $250, improvements, and $2,162 debt; Oak, $300; Troy, $465; Olivet, $456; Belmont, $700; Riverdale, $109; Home Avenue, $250; Eldorado, $517; Greenville, $200; Hamilton, $660; Harrison (Otwell), $300; Ithaca, $80; Liberty, $1,392; Lewisburg, $78; Miamisburg, $140; Middletown, $575; Mt. Healthy, $94; New Hope, $164; New Madison, $113; Rossburg, $125; Rosewood, $100; Salem, $112; Springfield, $90; Union City, $1,200; Ft. McKinley, $40; Norwood, $100. Aggregating $13,000.

LICENSE TO PREACH.

Quarterly conference license to preach was granted to Lewis Francis, Browns Run class; Lewis Gray, Oak Street; W. G. Beamis, Carrmonte; Frank Johannes, East Dayton; Geo. Jacoby, Bevis. Sanford Shepherd, Mt. Airy class, was granted lay preacher's license.

The following licenses were renewed: Walter Suiks, Englewood; Virgil Mayne, Farmersville; C. H. Sarber, Kingsville; Chas. Fryman, Antioch.

Deaconess license was granted to Mary S. Geeting, Greenbush class; Miss Estelle Lehring, Brookville; Miss Susie Borger, Summit Street; Miss Ella Hamilton's license as deaconess was renewed.

The following were recommended for Annual Conference license by their respective quarterly conferences: Geo. Weik, Norman Bevis, and W. H. Smelker, by Colerain quarterly conference; Walter VanSaun, Cherry Grove, W. I. Underwood, Otterbein.

REVIVALS.

All of the pastors held special revival meetings on their various fields of labor with very gratifying results in increased spiritual life of the church and also in additions to the churches. The Dayton churches were especially blessed by the Chapman-Alexander campaign, as were also many of the churches in the vicinity of Dayton. The number of conversions was about 1,200, and accessions about 1,400. The Layman's Missionary Convention, held in Dayton in January, was also a great spiritual blessing to many of our churches.

LITERATURE.

The Telescope list remains about the same as last year. I personally called attention to the special offer of the Publishing Agent at all of the quarterly conferences, and urged our people to subscribe, and many of the pastors did good work also to secure subscriptions, but we have not increased the circulation. The Watchword list has decreased some on account of the increase in price. Some of the Sunday schools are taking less and some are taking none. Others are taking the same, but consider it a hardship to pay for the full year in advance. The Friend, Senior Quarterly, Bible Teacher, and Adult Quarterly have an increased circulation. All but a few schools are taking all of our own literature.

The Miami Conference Herald was ordered published for three months by the Conference one year ago, and if a sufficient number of subscriptions could be secured the committee was instructed to continue its publication for one year. About 565 subscriptions were secured, and with the advertising that has been carried it will be published without any support from the Conference funds. An issue of 800 has been published monthly and sent out to subscribers and as sample copies. A more detailed statement will be made in a separate report. Since the January number all the work connected with the Herald, excepting the matter furnished for the Sunday-school page by Mr. H. C. Cridland, and the Young People's page, furnished by J. D. Nisewonder, has devolved on the elder.

FINANCES.

The finances of the Conference are gradually improving. The pastors' salaries were increased on thirty fields of labor to the extent of $3,000, and the average salary on forty-nine regular fields is $917, including the presents and parsonage. About sixty per cent. of the churches are using the budget system with weekly offerings. I have personally presented this system on all the fields of labor and an increasing number will adopt this system for next year. The pastors' salaries will be paid in full on about all the charges, and the assessments will also be reported in full on almost all charges.

It has been gratifying to note the increasing number paying on Conference assessments from month to month. The offerings for both home and foreign missions will be increased over last year. The every member canvass was pushed by some of the congregations with good results.

Mt. Healthy, New Hope, and Fairview came under the minimum salary, requiring $232. A number of other fields should have made the ten per cent. increase and secured the benefit of this plan for their pastors, but refused to do so.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I have inquired carefully into the Sunday-school work during the year and given such assistance as was possible to the various officers. I have especially called attention to the fact that the Sunday school is not an organization to itself and for itself, but a department of the Church, and should coöperate heartily with the pastor in the salvation of souls and building up the Church. There were 112 schools last year and no new schools have been organized. There were 95 that contributed regularly to missions, an increase of 20 more than last year. The total amount contributed was $1,200. There are 46 home departments, an increase of 8, and 70 cradle-rolls, an increase of 7. The Adult Bible Class has received much attention and has increased the enrollment and average attendance. The graded lesson system has been adopted by many schools with very gratifying results. Children's Day was observed by most schools, and 49 have reported $168.96. There have been about 15 teacher-training classes with 185 enrolled and 117 organized adult classes, and quite a number more organized classes in other departments.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES.

There are 63 active Christian Endeavor Societies in the Conference at present. A few new ones have been organized and about the same number have ceased operations, leaving the number about the same as last year. The enrollment is 2,844. There have been 15 Foreign and 8 Home Mission Study classes. The societies have paid to the branch mission work about $1,000. For next year $1,200 is the aim.

I plead for a greater degree of spirituality and more personal work and coöperation in saving the young people of our churches and training them for service.

PERSONAL.

The year has been the busiest of any year of my ministry. The work has demanded all my time and energy, which I have given freely. I have tried to magnify my office, and tried to be faithful to my duties and responsibility. I have enjoyed the work and pray that it may count in building up Christ's kingdom among men.

I have held 225 quarterly conferences out of 252, conducted 42 communion services, given addresses at almost all of the business sessions, addressed Sunday school and Christian Endeavor societies whenever I had opportunity, preached 154 times, sent out and received hundreds of pieces of mail matter, and practically traveled over the entire Conference four times during the year.

I wish to thank you all for your courtesy and favors, and trust that God may own our mutual service for his glory and the salvation of men.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. KURTZ,
Presiding Elder.

REPORT NO. 3.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON Y. P. S. C. E.

The present age differs from all previous ages of the world. It is said that history repeats itself. But the world never witnessed anything like the present age. This is an age of great things, great organizations, monopolies, and combines. So in the kingdom of God, we need the best organization that it is possible to have.

We see the worth of organization in the work of the great political parties in our country. The one that has the most complete organization is usually the one that is successful at the polls.

The Christian Endeavor Movement seeks to unite in one mighty organization the forces of righteousness in the Church, to build up Christian life and character, and to tear down the kingdom of darkness.

However, sometimes, I fear that in our Endeavor work we depend too much on organization. It is good, but valueless unless it is worked. So after we have worked out a perfect organization let us see to it that it is properly worked. In order that we may be more effective in our work as a branch, we would make the following recommendations:

1. That we strive with greater effort to keep the pledge, or else do away with it entirely. In one of our societies, the society, at the closing of their service, rose in a body and repeated the pledge in unison and then all walked out, not one remaining for the regular service of the church. This may be an extreme case, but there is too much of this in many of our societies.

2. Church Loyalty. By church loyalty we mean that we will have our young people to support their local church with their money and give it their best service by seeking to lead the people in the locality of their church to Christ.

3. That we will endeavor to have a study class in all our societies, taking some good text-book on Christian giving; we would recommend *"The Victory of Mary Christopher."* In many of our societies we have had many mission study classes of the home land and the foreign field till we know the needs of the world. Now we want to study some book that will help to put us on the Bible plan of giving.

4. That we continue our classes in mission study, and we would recommend for the coming year, *"The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions,"* by Dr. John R. Mott, and *"The Call of the Home Land,"* by Dr. A. L. Phillips.

5. That we make more use of our Committees on Good Citizenship. We should be of real value in the home, in the church, and in the State. We desire that our young people stand on the right side of every moral issue that comes before our country.

W. C. NISWONGER,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 4.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of general and thorough instruction in the word of God it is impossible to estimate—the truths of the Bible being fundamental for the individual and for society, revealing both the way to the life everlasting and the conditions of real progress *here,* religious, political, industrial, and economic.

More and more it is becoming clear that the responsibility for the teaching of the word of God rests directly upon the Protestant churches. The increasing effort to eliminate the Bible from the public schools emphasizes this fact with great force.

The Protestant churches look to these agencies for this teaching: The Christian home, the Sunday school, and the preaching of the gospel.

The preaching of the gospel and Sunday-school teaching are most specifically the agencies of the church.

In the discharge of this function the Sunday school must be looked upon as an agency of the church, and an ally of the ministry of the gospel, and no emphasis that is placed upon it should be allowed to encourage the thought of its standing aloof from or being independent of the local church, the authorized, organic unit in the general agency for promoting the kingdom of God.

Within this sphere the Sunday school should so do its work as to contribute to the largest possible degree to winning souls to Christ, and to enlarging, enriching, and making permanent and aggressive the life and activities of the local church.

Upon the other hand, the church, of which the Sunday school is the principal agency, should by every means and by every effort possible so plan and provide for the Sunday school that it shall express the highest possible grade of efficiency and achievement.

We rejoice at what the Sunday schools of our local churches and of our denomination at large are accomplishing, but we must not by any means count ourselves "yet to have attained," but, grateful for past achievement, we must press toward the mark of the higher possibilities of which our achievements are but the promise.

Therefore, we recommend to our churches, and to the officers, teachers, and leaders in all of our Sunday schools, that they study with increasing intensity all phases of Sunday-school work, with

a view to promoting efficiency in all of our schools. Among the points deserving of special attention are: Organization, equipment, classification, grading, promotion, efficient teaching, looking after absentees, the cradle roll, the home department, music, records, reports, the organized class, the men's movement, Sunday-school evangelism, the relation of the Sunday school to the preaching service, missions, the preparation of teachers—the last two among the most important. And besides all this, visiting, printed matter, birthday letters, special days, and what not? Who has ever explored the entire field?

We here record our appreciation of the high grade Sunday-school literature furnished by our Publishing House, and commend the editors and the publisher for their manifest purpose and effort to improve wherever improvement is found to be possible.

We appreciate the efforts making and the results achieved by our denominational Board of Control in behalf of our Sunday-school work, but at the same time record that we are not yet convinced that our present method of combining various interests is the best; that we are disposed to think that an interest as vital as the Sunday school deserves a more definite method than the present one affords.

CYRUS J. KEPHART,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 5.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ERECTION.

Among the organizations within the Church for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord there is none of greater importance and none accomplishing more good than the Church Erection Society. During this Fall thirty-eight Annual Conferences will be held and thirty-three of these will meet in churches aided by church erection. The society is constantly aiding in the erection of churches in needy and important places, and could aid many others if sufficient funds were furnished.

Because of the great opportunities to the Church to enlarge her borders and further build up the kingdom of Jesus Christ through the agency of the Church Erection Society; therefore,

Resolved, I. That, as pastors, we give greater diligence to inform our people of the plans and work of the society.

II. That we most heartily endorse the action of the General Conference in uniting so closely the Conference Branch with the General Board.

III. That all applications to the General Board for aid within our Conference shall first pass the Conference Branch, and that a record of all loans made by the General Board to churches in our Conference be kept on the books of the Conference Branch. That the secretary of our Conference Branch also forward an annual

report of our local work to the General Board, at Dayton, Ohio.

IV. That we endeavor to secure at least ten cents per member annually for the work. Wherever practicable this offering shall be taken on Easter, as ordered by the General Conference.

V. That we urge our Ladies' Aid societies to make an annual offering to the Parsonage Fund.

VI. That the greatest possible effort be made to repay each and every loan when due.

VII. That we most heartily endorse the plan of securing desirable lots in strategic towns and cities.

VIII. That we commend Rev. H. A. Sechrist, field secretary, and a member of our Conference, for the faithful and successful work he is doing in securing money for the society.

E. E. Saul,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 6.—RESOLUTION.

Recognizing the importance of a trained ministry and the indispensable agency of the Bonebrake Seminary in fitting men for the highest service in pulpit and pastorate, we pledge ourselves as individuals and as a Conference to support the action of the General Conference in directing a canvass of the entire Church for funds, that this institution may have larger life and efficiency.

We also pledge our sympathy and help to the General Manager, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors in reaching the goal set at the last board meeting of $200,000 additional endowment by October 1, 1911, and in the dedication of at least one new building as a feature of the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Seminary, to be held at that time.

As a Conference, we heartily endorse the movement and pledge the management our hearty coöperation in this work, and assure them that we will do what we can on our respective fields of labor to encourage our people to assist in this worthy enterprise.

E. E. Saul.

REPORT NO. 6½.—MEMORIAL.

Rev. Clinton Herby Snyder.

Rev. Clinton Herby Snyder, only child of Aaron and Mollie A. Snyder, was born near Trotwood, Ohio, November 17, 1876, and died at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, January 27, 1910. Brother Snyder was a very apt pupil, and when he was seventeen taught his first school. He continued in this work for three years, and then entered Union Biblical Seminary, from which he graduated in 1901. In his teens he was converted and joined the United Brethren Church at Antioch Chapel, under the pastorate of Dr. W. J.

Pruner. While teaching, on June 2, 1896, he was married to Miss Katie McNelly. This was a happy union, and was blessed with one daughter. At Lockington, January 10, 1906, the wife was taken by death. His quarterly conference license was given by Rev. J. L. Swain, at Antioch Chapel; his annual conference license by Bishop J. W. Hott, at Phillipsburg, Ohio, 1898. He was ordained an elder by Bishop E. B. Kephart, at the conference at Ithaca, Ohio, in 1901. Mr. Snyder served the following charges as pastor: State Road and Winchester, one year while in the Seminary; filled out a part of a year at Otterbein; one year at Waterhouse charge; four years at Lockington; two years at Fairview. While pastor at Fairview he organized the church at Ft. McKinley, where he held his membership. During the time he served at Fairview he was appointed chaplain of the Third Regiment of Ohio National Guards. He was commissioned chaplain of the Seventh Regiment United States Infantry, by President Roosevelt, June 9, 1908, and was sent to Ft. Wayne, near Detroit, Michigan, where he entered upon duty August 1, 1908. On May 1, 1909, he was transferred to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, where he became chaplain of the Fifth Field Artillery. Here the greatest work of his life began, which consisted in holding services for the enlisted men and in providing entertainment for them. Aside from the services in the chapel, he held many religious services in the guardhouse and in the hospital. In these special services many men turned to Christ. At almost every service some one, and in one service, forty-seven, decided for Christ. He baptized many of the soldiers' children, and performed marriage ceremonies among them. Many letters were written by him to mothers whose boys had run away and joined the army, and for some who were in the guardhouse, and he in turn received many touching letters from the mothers, asking him to look after their wayward sons. Very near the time he was appointed chaplain in the United States Army, on July 15, 1908, he married Miss Beatrice Schaeffer, of Germantown, Ohio. This union was a most pleasant one. Last May, Chaplain Snyder completed a four years' correspondence course from the Indiana Central University. His last sickness lasted for one week. On Thursday he was taken down with bronchitis, and on Sunday there developed a complication of diseases. On Monday he was taken to the hospital, and on Thursday evening at seven o'clock he passed away without suffering, complaining only of weakness. As a tired child falls asleep, so he closed his eyes on earth to wake in heaven. He left a wife and little daughter, father and mother, and many other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted at Germantown by the writer, assisted by Presiding Elder Kurtz, Revs. J. L. Swain, W. M. VanSickle, and W. L. Bunger.

W. C. Niswonger.

REPORT NO. 7.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

In view of the growing interest in higher education and in consideration of the relation which this Conference sustains to the various institutions of higher education, the following report is submitted:

1. We appreciate the splendid work done in other years by our educational institutions in the training and culture of our people, and rejoice in the recent awakening of loyalty and enthusiasm in the promotion of plans for the construction of buildings, the increasing of the endowment, and the general growth of efficiency of the agencies now in existence.

2. We wish to record our approval of popular education in our institutions, believing that the education of the laymen, as well as the professional man or woman, is in this day highly important and necessary to the largest growth of the kingdom of God on earth.

3. We desire to record our appreciation of the splendid growth and development of Otterbein University in student attendance, internal development, in the gathering of endowment, and the furnishing of material equipment for larger efficiency.

In view of the fact that the endowment now being gathered will not be productive until the entire amount is raised, which will not be for some time, we express it as our opinion that the Conference should take some action looking toward contributions for current expenses to meet the increasing needs of the institution, and we instruct our Finance Committee to assess our fields the same amount assessed last year, and agree to coöperate with the committee for the college to secure the remainder of the $375,000 asked by President Clippinger.

4. We wish to record our high appreciation of the evident signs of growth and progress in both the administrative and the scholastic work of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. We record our approval of the plans of the management for the securing of $200,000 endowment and the construction of new buildings and pledge our hearty support in securing the same.

5. We appreciate the importance of beneficiary education and would urge upon our people the importance of contributing toward this important fund so that the many young men and women wishing to receive training for the gospel ministry or missionary work may obtain such help as they may need.

Believing that the salvation of the world and the ultimate establishment of Christ's kingdom will be hastened in proportion as our educational interests are enthusiastically fostered, this report is respectfully submitted.

WARREN L. BUNGER.

REPORT NO. 7½.—AUDITING COMMITTEE'S PARTIAL REPORT.

In the preliminary steps thus far taken in the audit of the finances of the Conference, your committee has found that you have two or more treasurers through whose hands your moneys are passing.

We, your Auditing Committee, recommend the election of one general treasurer, who shall handle all the general funds of this Conference, and to whom the different pastors shall report direct their collections to these various interests. We further recommend that the general treasurer shall receive from the Conference Church Extension Fund, as a remuneration for his services, the sum of fifty dollars per annum, and that the sum of twenty-five dollars each be appropriated from the same fund for the payment of the recording and statistical secretaries. Said remunerations to remain and continue in full force until modified by an action of some future session of the Miami Annual Conference. We further recommend that the salary of presiding elder be included in the general budget, and that the salary of the presiding elder shall be paid monthly by the general treasurer of the Conference. If at any time the necessities of the case demand it, in order to promptly pay the missionaries of the Conference and other pressing bills, said treasurer be authorized to borrow such money in the name of the Miami Annual Conference by him, as treasurer.

CHARLES J. HALL,
A. T. MARTIN,
L. O. MILLER.

REPORT NO. 8.—LAYMEN'S ACTION.

Resolved, That we seek to carry out the purpose and recommendation of the General Conference in that

1. We will seek to have charges adopt the twenty-five per cent. increase for ministerial support during this quadrennium.
2. We will seek to carry out the New Testament system of weekly giving for every interest in the Church.
3. The laymen will assume the raising of the benevolent interests of the Church in our local congregations.

H. C. CRIDLAND,
A. T. MARTIN.

REPORT NO. 9.—CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The following brethren, W. H. Smelker, Norman Bevis, and W. I. Underwood, appeared before the committee and were examined according to Discipline. Their answers in the main were satisfactory and their educational advantages up to the requirements of the Discipline. We recommend that they be received into the Annual Conference.

We further recommend, however, that Brothers Smelker and Bevis avoid any extreme interpretation of the doctrine of sanctification.

J. L. Swain,
G. W. Hamilton,
B. F. Farris,
George W. Self,
J. D. Nisewonder.

Your Committee on Candidates for Membership into the Conference submit the following supplementary report:

Walter Van Saun, of Cherry Grove charge, appeared before us and was examined according to Discipline. His answers were satisfactory, and his educational advantages are up to the standard required by Discipline. We recommend, therefore, that he be received into the Annual Conference.

J. L. Swain,
G. W. Hamilton,
B. F. Farris,
G. W. Self,
J. D. Nisewonder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, beg to submit the following: That Rev. Osa D. Welbaum be admitted on his transfer from Neosho Conference; also that Rev. E. S. Bowman, of East Pennsylvania, Rev. F. B. Church, of North Kansas, and Rev. F. H. Linville, of White River, be admitted into our Conference subject to transfers from their respective conferences.

That P. M. Camp be granted a transfer to East Ohio Conference.

That W. L. Bunger be granted a transfer to Allegheny Conference.

That A. W. Denlinger and H. A. Thompson be granted a supernumerary relation.

That W. C. Hague be granted a transfer to Northern Illinois Conference; First Year's Course of Reading.

That R. E. Penick, C. E. Plack, A. E. Bitner, D. R. Wilson, and O. F. Bilger be recommended for beneficiary aid.

That the recording secretary of the Conference be instructed to visit or write Bro. E. J. Blackburn, and state that the Conference expects some satisfactory arrangement as to his relation to his beneficiary obligation.

That G. E. Moody be retained in the First Year's Course of Reading.

That all licentiates who have not passed the First Year's Course, and are not pursuing courses in theological seminaries, be required

to appear at the next Conference in person, by letter, or by representative and pass the First Year's Course of Study or give satisfactory reasons to the committee. Failing to satisfy the committee, they shall be referred to their respective quarterly conferences.

That the secretary be instructed to correspond with all unemployed ministers, living without the bounds of the Conference, relative to their standing and Christian work, and place their names and answers in the hands of the Committee on Conference Relations, who will be expected to report for them when their names are called.

C. J. Kephart,
F. H. Bohn,
W. T. Frank,
G. W. Kitzmiller.

REPORT NO. 11.—ELDER'S ORDERS.

O. F. Bilger appeared before the Committee on Elder's Orders and presented to the committee the Nebraska Baptist Annual of 1903, which shows that he was at that time an ordained minister of that church. Mr. Bilger has served in this Conference as a pastor for four years and is now taking a course in the Seminary. We recommend that he receive the same standing in this Conference he had in the Baptist Church.

W. H. Klinefelter,
J. M. Replogle,
M. I. Comfort.

REPORT NO. 12.—DEACONESS WORK FOR THE U. B. CHURCH.

Woman always has had a large share in the work of the kingdom. In Old Testament times her voice was heard in prophecy, while in the New Testament times her loving services were given in ministry to Christ. As the duties of the new church increased, the apostles found it necessary to be relieved from the care of the poor and dependent in order that they might give their time more fully to the spiritual affairs of the kingdom. Accordingly, as given in the Sixth Chapter of Acts, the seven deacons were appointed. Although the word "deaconess" is not found in the English translation of the New Testament, we have every reason to believe that such an order existed and ministered along with the deacons of the apostolic church. In the Sixteenth Chapter of Romans, Paul says, "I commend unto you, Phoebe, a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea, that ye receive her in the Lord, worthily of the saints and that ye assist her in whatsoever matters she may have need of you. for she herself also hath been a helper of many and of my own self." Had the word translated servant been given the same ren-

dering that this word is given in the Sixth Chapter of Acts and the Third Chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy, it would have read, "Phoebe, a deacon of the church." The American Revised Version gives the word "deaconess" as a marginal rendering. Besides many eminent scholars think that the qualifications given in I. Tim. 3:11, "Women, in like manner, must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things," are intended for deaconesses instead of for the wives of deacons, as there is no authority for the translation. The Greek word means simply woman. The advice given is very suitable for deaconesses.

The many references made to deaconesses and their work by early writers in the Christian church prove their activity and general usefulness in establishing the work of the kingdom. McClintock and Strong say, "The social relation of the sexes in the cities of the empire make it fitting that the agency of woman should be employed largely in the direct personal application of spiritual truth, possibly in the preparation of female catechumens. Their duties were to take care of the sick and the poor and to minister to martyrs and confessors in prison, to whom they could more easily gain access than the deacons, to instruct catechumens and to assist at the baptism of women, to exercise general oversight over the female members of the church, and this not only in public, but in private, making occasional reports to the bishops and presbyters." Regarding the activities of deaconesses in the early church, Wheeler in Deaconesses, Ancient and Modern, writes: "Eusebius, in speaking of the church at Rome in the middle of the third century, enumerates about one hundred and fifty ministering men of all grades, but says there were widows with the afflicted and needy more than fifteen hundred, all which the goodmen and love of God doth support and nourish." Chrysostom, enforcing the duty of benevolence toward the poor, says: "And that thou mayest know the inhumanity of the others when the church is possessed of a revenue of one of the lowest among the wealthy and not of the very rich, consider how many widows it succors every day, how many virgins, for indeed the list of them both already reached unto the number of three thousand." Chrysostom was especially interested in the deaconess order. Among those who labored with him and encouraged him when he was banished was Olymphas, a wealthy young widow, who gave up her fortune to benevolence and herself to the services of the church.

With the general decline of evangelistic Christianity came the decay of deaconess work. The dangerous teaching of religious celibacy, which was followed by the "superstition of the marriage of the individual soul with Christ," worked destruction to the cause. By the year 800 deaconess work ceased to exist in the western church; however, it was continued in Constantinople until

the beginning of the thirteenth century. Luther appreciated the work of women in the church, yet he saw no hope of reform in the converts of that time. He realized that new ideals must be introduced before the ancient order for women could be restored. Thus it was left for Pastor Fliedner to reëstablish the ancient order of deaconess and adapt it to the needs of modern times.

Theodore Fliedner, the fourth in a clergyman's family of twelve, was born in January, 1800, at Eppstein, a village on the frontiers of Hesse and Nassau. He studied at the universities of Giessen and Gottingen, and the theological seminary at Herbom. At the age of twenty-one he became pastor of the small church of Kaiserwerth. The people were very poor, and when a factory failed, in which a large number were employed, it was decided to abandon the church. Fliedner was unwilling to see this done, so he went throughout northern Europe collecting money for his congregation. He succeeded in his purpose and gained much more, for it was on this tour that the needs of the destitute were brought to his attention. Gradually the conviction grew upon him that the church needed the ministrations of women in order to accomplish the purpose for which Christ had instituted it. His practical experience taught him that there must be an institution which would furnish not only instruction and practice, but would serve also as a home for those who would offer themselves for this office. Kaiserwerth seemed a very unpromising place to begin such an experiment, as it had a population of scarcely 1,800, the majority of whom were Catholics. But Fliedner so strongly felt the leadership of the Holy Spirit that he determined to begin the work. Consequently the first deaconess institution was opened on the seventeenth of September, 1833, in a 12 x 12 garden house which stood in the garden of the parsonage at Kaiserwerth. The first patient to enter was a discharged female convict. In 1836 he bought a house for $2,300.00, and into this, on October 20, 1836, the first deaconess, Gertrude Reichard, entered. In 1835, Fliedner opened up a kindergarten in the same small garden house which had before served as a hospital.

The institution thus founded was a home in every respect. Mrs. Fliedner was the superintendent, while her husband gave the religious instruction. As superintendent, Mrs. Fliedner had general oversight of the house, gave practical direction in housekeeping, and went with those in training in their early visits from house to house. The growth of the work was marvelous. Pastor Fliedner soon resigned his pastorate and gave all his time to the work, shaping and molding its policy with the greatest skill. "We have no vows," he said, "and I will have no vows, but a bond of union we must have, and the best bond is the Word of God, and our second bond is singing." Each deaconess retained her

property that belonged to her when she entered the institution, and at her death it went to her heirs. She was free to leave the work at any time, giving due notice to the Mother House. Her wants were all supplied by the home, besides she was given a small allowance and was cared for in sickness or old age.

At the time of Fliedner's death, in 1864, there were four hundred and twenty-five deaconesses at Kaiserwerth, besides one hundred different fields of labor. All together there were thirty-two deaconess Mother Houses with sixteen hundred deaconesses in four hundred different fields of labor.

In all parts of Protestant Europe there sprang up institutions modeled after the plan of Kaiserwerth. Their activities have been very great, each ministering to the needs as found in their individual communities. The large institution at Mildmay, England, has become noted for the artistic scripture texts it puts out. Over $5,000.00 was realized in a single year from the sale of these texts.

Deaconess work was begun in the United States at Pittsburg, Pa., in June, 1849. Rev. W. A. Passavant, a Lutheran pastor, directed the work, which was started by four deaconesses from Kaiserwerth. These deaconesses were accompanied to America by Fliedner himself. In May, 1850, the first American probationer, Katherine Louise Martens, was consecrated a deaconess. The effort undertaken by Passavant, however, was not a success, due largely to the prejudices of the public against the employment of women in public functions. The entire idea was so new that the people were not ready to receive it. Later other attempts were made by different congregations and denominations, principally the Lutheran and Episcopalian, which have proven most successful. Their efforts, however, have been confined mostly to the establishment of hospitals.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has developed deaconess work along numerous lines. The divine leadership in the beginning of the work is revealed by the fact that several were impressed independently of the need of such a work, and each began to agitate and organize with the same end in view. Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of India, speaking of the origin of the Methodist Deaconess work, says: "Great movements of this kind never begin by a happy chance, rather, God creates a wide-spread conviction, preparing many minds for the reception of his plans."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shelly Meyer, being urged by several, chiefly Dr. M. M. Parkhurst, opened, in 1885, a training-school for women in Chicago, which, in the spring of 1887, resulted in the organization of the first distinctively deaconess home in Methodism. Mrs. Meyer states, "We did not call our workers deaconesses, but we did apply the name to the home."

But earlier than this, Bishop and Mrs. Thoburn had begun a work in India, which they found to be exactly like the deaconess work as carried on in England when they studied it in 1886. The thought occurred to them, "Why not call our work deaconess work?" This thought they worked out after arriving in Ohio. On visiting Chicago, they found Mrs. Meyer starting the same kind of work. Bishop Thoburn says, "The coincidence was striking and impressed me that God was in it."

Miss Isabella Thoburn, who was thoroughly committed to the project, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, went to Chicago to aid in opening the first deaconess home, and became, in the fall of 1887, its first house mother, wearing the distinctive garb and doing the work of a deaconess. Bishop Thoburn, in the General Conference in May, 1888, pleaded for the establishment of an order of deaconesses, and his appeal resulted in the recognition of deaconess work as a church institution.

An article, written by Miss Thoburn, was read by Mr. James N. Gamble, of Cincinnati, early in 1888, which lead to the beginning of deaconess work in that city. Cincinnati now has the largest deaconess center of American Methodism, enrolling more deaconesses under the direction of one board and carrying on a greater variety of activities than in any one center.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society carries on deaconess work, the plan and inspiration of which was received from Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, who studied deaconess work in Europe and England. There are now over 1,000 deaconesses at work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, their work being directed in three main channels: that of the hospital, kindergarten, and visiting or parish deaconess. Each of these, from superintendents and presidents of training-schools, down to the humblest worker receive no salary, but only an allowance of $10 per month and their necessary expenses.

One by one other denominations are coming to realize the importance of this avenue of service for women and are making provisions for it. Yet deaconess work is still in its infancy. It offers such an unlimited field of usefulness to women that its importance in the advancement of the kingdom can scarcely be realized.

Our own denomination has felt the need for trained women workers, yet our efforts toward this end have been very unsystematic. We have provided for the educational qualifications of our deaconesses while the fundamental principle of deaconess training has been neglected. It is true that those who deal with souls must be well educated for the task, but more important still is it to know how to use the knowledge acquired. We may just as well expect a girl to become efficient in domestic science without

the use of a laboratory and kitchen, or a nurse to become skilled without the hospital as to expect to turn out well-equipped deaconesses without a thorough practical training.

But how is this training to be secured? Let us first examine the resources at our command. In this respect Miami Conference may be congratulated, for within her bounds may be found every facility for promoting this work so essential in building up the kingdom. We have girls and young women as consecrated and capable as may be found in any church. Many of these are waiting for an opportunity whereby they may invest their lives for service. We have the seminary equipped to give instruction to young women, and we have the city of Dayton, with its large number of United Brethren Churches, with its many outside village and country congregations, and with its rapidly growing foreign population. What better field could we wish for training our young men for both home and foreign mission work?

But in order that the training may be effectual it must be conducted in a thoroughly systematic way. To do this it is absolutely essential that a deaconess home be established in Dayton with a well-qualified deaconess as superintendent. This would serve first as a home for the young lady students of the Seminary, and also as a home for our deaconesses in active service. The students, both those who are preparing for deaconess work and those for foreign mission work, should be given a chance to do active social settlement work. Thus the local congregations would be benefited, while the gain to those preparing for service in the church can not be questioned. All service thus rendered should be without cost to the churches, except where there is carfare to be paid.

But you ask why we need a home in order that this program may be carried out. In the first place, it is advantageous for financial reasons. If the Church is to secure the benefit of the student's services it can provide them with board and lodging at a less cost than otherwise. Besides, women living in community life, where the greater part of the housework is done by their own hands (as is the custom in deaconess training-schools), can live much more economically than when they are boarding separately. Greater than all, however, is the spiritual uplift that comes from such a life while in training. One who has never lived in a deaconess home can hardly appreciate the experience of living in a household, the aim of whose members is "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." It has been said that "man's home is the world, woman's world is the home." So that woman may give her best to the church, she needs the protection that a home affords. Besides working all day against sin, often in homes of poverty and filth, she needs a place to return at night where she can leave all

such cares behind and arise rested, refreshed, and ready for another day's conflict. A nun enters a convent that her religious life may be cultivated away from the world, but a deaconess home is only a convenience to give the woman who enters a better chance to minister to the world.

As a denomination, we are in the front ranks in our work of evangelization. We have heard the calls from those without Christ at home and abroad. But we must not overlook woman's part in the contest. The work in our cities demands the assistance of deaconesses, and what might be the results if deaconesses could be sent to many of our struggling rural communities—one who could reach the tenant farmer, band the young people together, and enroll every child of the neighborhood in the Sunday school. If the Church is to make use of its consecrated women, we, as pastors and leaders, must begin a three-fold campaign. We must bring the deaconess order to the attention of our young women, we must impress our churches with the idea of the value of a deaconess' services, and we must provide homes and practical training for the deaconess volunteers.

MARY S. GEETING,
1029 Wesley Ave.,
Cincinnati Missionary Training School. Cincinnati, Ohio.

REPORT NO. 13.—MORAL REFORM.

WHEREAS, The use of alcoholic drinks with the unmeasured evils resulting therefrom still remains the one colossal iniquity of our country; and, whereas, the drink habit is associated with and in largest degree the cause of nearly all other evils, becoming the direct or indirect occasion of not less than eighty per cent. of all the crimes that come to the notice of our civil courts, besides innumerable crimes that are not brought before the courts; and, whereas, as the prolific occasion of crime and poverty it peoples our jails and penitentiaries, and in large degree our alms-houses, and by degrading physical manhood in great degree, also our asylums for the insane; and,

WHEREAS, The saloon is responsible for ninety per cent. of the drinking and drunkenness and the resulting crime and poverty and domestic wretchedness which afflict and degrade our humanity; and, whereas, the saloon is tolerated and sustained under the forms of law; therefore, be it

Resolved, First. That, as a Conference of ministers and laity, standing for the uplifting of the people from lower to higher planes of morality, and from the crime and wretchedness entailed by the drink traffic upon our communities and State and nation to nobler and better conditions, we will maintain unremitting effort to bring to a final overthrow the giant iniquity.

Resolved, Second. That we will continue to give our hearty personal influence and support to the Anti-Saloon League in its efforts to wipe out this degrading source of all evil.

Resolved, Third. That we express regret at the failure of the Ohio Senate at the last session of our Legislature to support the house bill which provided for the removal of mayors and other officials of Ohio cities and towns who refuse or neglect to enforce State or municipal statutes, by this failure defeating this important measure, and permitting such officials to choose for themselves what laws they will or will not enforce.

Resolved, Fourth. That we regard with horror and sense of shame the dark reproach brought upon the fair fame of the State of Ohio by the dastardly outrage of violence and murder enacted in the city of Newark by a population depraved and degraded by the saloon, and the determination to maintain the saloon in violation of law and against the judgment and will of the better part of the community. The wretched achievement of crime accomplished in that unfortunate city is the natural fruit and outcome of saloon supremacy, and the liquor traffic in general is responsible for reducing a population to so low and depraved a moral grade.

Resolved, Fifth. That we regard as most unfortunate the lax administration of law in our own and practically every other State, that through the policy of delays in legal practice, and the allowing of appeals from one court to another not in the interest of justice, men criminally disposed are encouraged to the commission of crime in the belief, often too well founded, that they will escape the just penalty of their acts. Swift and certain punishment, not necessarily of extreme severity, is the best deterrent of crime.

We regard it also most unfortunate that the wealthy law-breaker finds often an easier immunity from punishment than the poor offender, and hold that the doors of the penitentiary should swing as wide open for the millionaire as for the pauper.

We further believe it would be greatly in the interest of just administration if our jury system were so amended that the verdict of a three-fourths majority should be the verdict of the court. In all courts where three or more judges constitute the bench a majority of the judges makes the verdict and their verdict is final.

Resolved, Sixth. That inasmuch as in many of our States the bonds of marriage are so easily severed in the civil courts, we would encourage a more rigid inquiry as to the grounds on which divorce is sought and less readiness to grant decrees where justice does not absolutely require it. And, further, since persons seeking separation often remove for a time to distant States, and filing their applications make it difficult or quite impossible for the respondent to appear for defense, we favor the enactment of uniform divorce laws applicable in all the States and Territories of the Union.

Resolved, Seventh. That we regard with concern the increasing tendency toward Sabbath violation, and will use our utmost endeavors to preserve the sacredness of the day set apart in the ordinances of God.

Resolved, Eighth. That we approve heartily the act of the Ohio Legislature, duly signed by the Governor of the State, and thereby becoming a law in full force, whereby the use of tobacco in cigarettes, or in any other form, is prohibited to all persons under eighteen years of age, and making it a punishable offense to sell or give to any such persons tobacco in any form, or paper wherewith cigarettes may be made. In the interest of the future physical manhood of our American people we earnestly endorse the law and express a hope for its proper enforcement.

Resolved, Ninth. That in view of the disturbed social conditions arising out of the antagonisms of labor and capital, we approve of the organization of "The Federal Council of the Churches of America," whose national office is at 81 Bible House, New York; that we endorse the principles set forth in its "Statement and Recommendations," and that we seek, as far as we may be able, to bring about the reconciliation of contending interests on the basis of equal justice to employer and employee. The church, as the representative of Christ, does not stand for classes, but for humanity, and for the equal and just rights of all men. It must stand, on the one hand, for equitable division of the wealth which labor creates, and also, on the other hand, for the right of every man to an equal opportunity to earn a living.

Resolved, Tenth. That we have great pleasure in recognizing the valuable services of Mr. W. E. Lytle, Prosecuting Attorney of Miami County, in executing the laws relating to intoxicating drinks, and we bid him godspeed in his work of promoting the higher morality and the best welfare of the people of this county.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Berger,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 13½.—REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of Miami Conference.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests respectfully submits the following report for your consideration:

With this session, Miami Conference enters upon the second century of its historical existence. It is eminently proper, therefore, that, as a Conference, we take an invoice, as it were, of our assets and liabilities; that we note the growth, development, and progress of our work in the past century and lay plans for an aggressive campaign in the immediate future.

When Miami Conference was organized its geographical situation was the western edge of our denominational boundary. To-day it is one of the eastern group of our denominational conferences.

When Miami Conference was organized it contained very few churches and a very small constituency; probably, all told, not over 300 members. To-day it has many beautiful churches and a membership, in round numbers, of about 16,000. In addition to this it is the home of our denominational Theological Seminary and all our executive and general publishing interests.

These latter facts make this Conference, in a large degree, the hub center of our denominational life. They also place upon it peculiar obligations and responsibilities to set before the other conferences of the church, such an example of aggressive excellence in every department of Christian activity that it will be worthy of their highest esteem and emulation.

As this report is concerned specifically with the relation of Miami Conference to the general publishing interests of the Church, let us look at the facts as they are in that relation.

According to our Publishing Agent's report of April 1, the gross assets of our Publishing House are now $943,436; our total liabilities, $389,557; making the net assets, $553,879.

The intelligent apprehension of what these figures mean will indicate the fact that a vast sum of money must be earned each year by this great institution to meet the current expense of interest, taxes, and general cost of operation and management. The chief source of income, aside from the rental of offices in the main building, must come from the publishing, manufacturing, and sales department of the establishment. It is worthy of note here, that while the expense of maintenance has always been very heavy, under the wise and business-like management of our Agent, the profits of the House have shown substantial gains and the general liabilities have steadily decreased year by year.

There are, however, some very serious and regrettable facts connected with our publishing interests of which we, as a Conference, must take cognizance, and, as loyal members of our beloved Church, do all in our power to overcome. We refer to the circulation of our Church literature, and especially our chief and representative organ, the "Religious Telescope."

As regards the "Religious Telescope," "Watchword," "Friend for Boys and Girls," and general Sabbath school literature, we can say, without fear of successful contradiction, that each periodical in its class is of such a character as to commend itself in the highest degree to every loyal member and friend of the Church.

We are not afraid of any comparison that can be made, both as to subject matter and quantity of matter, in any of our periodicals with those of other denominations.

In view of these facts, it is a source of great surprise to know that some of our Sabbath schools purchase their literature from sources other than our own Publishing House, and that many of our members, while professing intense loyalty to all our Church interests, fail to subscribe for our leading denominational paper.

We fail to see how anyone can consistently claim to have an intelligent knowledge of and interest in our various denominational activities and at the same time refuse to subscribe for our denominational literature.

The circulation of the Religious Telescope is now approximately 21,700 (August 22). It is the earnest desire of the agent, editors, and all who sincerely want to see our Church's power and influence multiply in the degree we have a right to expect, that its circulation be increased at once to a figure of not less than 35,000. In order to reach this figure it will mean a minimum of at least one subscriber to every eight members of the Church. Miami Conference, with its 16,000 members, should have a Telescope subscription list of at least 2,000. We now have only 1,050.

The question we raise is this: If Miami Conference, with all its prestige and influence, fails to secure its quota of the required 35,000 Telescope subscriptions, how can we consistently expect the other conferences of the Church to secure their quota?

Brethren, this ought not so to be! We ought to remember, too, aside from the real value of the Religious Telescope, as a medium for the dissemination of denominational news, and the encouragement of denominational loyalty, that all profits that may accrue from this increase in circulation will be devoted to the fund for ministerial relief, and that all profits accruing from all other departments of our Publishing House go back into the Church; and, brethren, let us prove our loyalty to the Church, not only in using her literature, but by patronizing the sales department of the "House" in the purchase of whatever books, printing, or other supplies we may need in our work. By doing these things we shall help increase the strength and efficiency of our Zion as a force and factor in the world for "the glory of God and the salvation of men."

This report would not be complete without recording our sense of loss in the recent death of Samuel E. Kumler, for many years a member of the Publishing House Board, and its president at the time of his death.

We desire also to express our confidence in the present management of the Publishing House, its trustees, executive committee, agent, editors, and all associated with them in positions of responsibility and authority.

With regard to our action concerning the Religious Telescope, we beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, appreciating the value of the Religious Telescope as an agency for the development of the local work in our congregations, pledge our hearty coöperation in the plan to increase the Telescope subscription to 35,000. To this end, we, as pastors and lay delegates to this Conference, agree to use our utmost endeavor to have one subscriber to every eight members, and we gladly welcome all assistance on the part of the administration of the publishing interests to reach this goal.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE W. SELF,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 14.—REPORT OF BOUNDARY COMMITTEE.

The committee recommends, as follows:

1. That there be one presiding elder's district.
2. That Englewood be detached from Vandalia Circuit, and that Kingsville and Englewood constitute the Kingsville and Englewood Circuit.
3. That Fort McKinley be made a mission station.
4. That Cheviot Mission be placed in care of the quarterly conference of Willey Memorial Church.
5. That Lockington, Kirkwood, Hopewell, New Hope, and Bunker Hill constitute Lockington Circuit.
6. That Yorkshire be left under care of the presiding elder.
7. That Pleasant Hill be detached from New Madison Circuit, and that New Hope and Pleasant Hill constitute the New Hope and Pleasant Hill Circuit, and that Carrmonte be a station.
8. That New Madison and Yankeetown constitute the New Madison Circuit.
9. All other charges remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. KURTZ, Chairman.
C. B. BODA, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 16.—W. M. A. RESOLUTION.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Association has inaugurated a systematic campaign by which to increase its membership and the circulation of the Woman's Evangel, be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse this campaign and will cooperate in the furtherance of the same whenever possible.

We heartily appreciate the message of Mrs. J. C. Myers, representing the W. M. A., and authorize the presiding elder to appoint a representative of this Conference to convey greetings to the next Branch W. M. A. Convention. We promise the observance of Woman's Day in our churches. C. B. BODA.

REPORT NO. 15½.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is a day of great movements for the world's evangelization. Since we met a year ago seventy-five laymen's conventions have awakened the churches of America to a new sense of their responsibility. The World's Sunday-School Convention was held in our own country, and it emphasized the importance of getting the children early in life to pray and give for the sending of the gospel to the whole world. Then followed the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, which has made the most profound impression of any gathering since Pentecost. It mapped out a definite policy for the complete evangelization of the world, and united Protestant Christendom to accomplish this task speedily.

NATIONS BEING WON TO CHRIST.

The reports at the Edinburgh Conference of the victories in the foreign fields brought great inspiration. The communicant members abroad have increased during the last ten years from a little over one million to two million, and the contributions of the native churches for self-support and the extension of their own work increased since 1900 from $1,800,000 to $4,800,000. It was shown that whole countries have been changed in twenty-five years. Korea, for example, was wholly without the gospel a quarter of a century ago, but to-day there are two hundred thousand native Christians who are banded together to win a million converts to Jesus Christ this year, and are living lives of extreme self-denial that they may give the more to send the gospel to other districts.

UNITED BRETHREN VICTORIES.

Our own Church has made remarkable progress in our five foreign fields, namely, West Africa, China, Japan, Philippines, and Porto Rico. The communicant membership has increased from fourteen hundred and twenty-nine to three thousand eight hundred and seventy-one the last five years. At this time there is a united movement in Bible study and personal effort for a mighty spiritual revival in all our foreign fields. Shall we not all unite in daily prayer that this awakening may be blessed of God in the salvation of multitudes?

It is evident that this is the day of unparalleled opportunity in the extension of the kingdom. Nations are plastic and changing, and if they are to be established in Christian ideals the gospel must be given them within a few years. The vastness and difficulties of the unoccupied fields bring a powerful challenge to the home churches for a more heroic advance. In Africa alone there are great districts with an aggregate population of sixty-seven million that are completely untouched. In India, China, and other countries vast multitudes are wholly without the gospel. These

all will pass away without the Christian hope unless the followers of Jesus Christ who are now living send them the gospel speedily. They will never be reached unless we reach them.

OUR SHARE AND HOW TO REACH IT.

The United Brethren Church has chosen five million as its share of the unevangelized world. We have the conviction that this is not a self-appointed task, but the work that Christ himself called us to do. We recognize that every member of our Church has a three-fold responsibility:

1. In the *local church* which includes the activities of the Church to which the member belongs.
2. The *national parish,* which represents so much of the United States outside of the local community as our Church is responsible for.
3. The *world parish,* which includes that portion of the non-Christian world outside of the United States for the evangelization of which our denomination is responsible.

To fully occupy our field abroad we must have a large increase of workers and a four-fold advance in gifts. During the last year scores of churches adopted in the Sunday school and through mission study classes a thorough course of missionary instruction; likewise a weekly system of giving, and the results already indicate a most encouraging growth.

Our aim this year should be to enlist every man, woman, and child in this united effort to give the gospel to the whole world. We are fortunate this year in having for study the excellent book prepared by Dr. John R. Mott, called "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions." We urge that in every local church in the Conference groups be formed for the study of this most important book. We heartily endorse the following as representing a Standard Missionary Church:

1. A missionary pastor.
2. A missionary committee.
3. A missionary Sunday school.
4. Systematic missionary education.
5. An every member canvass for weekly offerings for missions.
6. Daily fervent prayer for this interest.

Where this is carried out faithfully we believe that every church in the Conference will reach a reasonable standard, ranging from fifty cents to five dollars per member for our share of the non-Christian world.

Humbly submitted,
WARREN L. BUNGER,
J. D. NISEWONDER,
A. A. MAYSILLES.

REPORT NO. 16.—DEACONESS HOME.

Your Committee on Deaconess Work present the following:

Resolved, That the Miami Conference at this session appoint a Deaconess Board of five members with authority to secure funds necessary to establish, open, and maintain a Deaconess Home, and when a fund of at least $5,000.00 is secured for this purpose said home shall be opened convenient to Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and be operated in coöperation therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HUBER,
H. H. FOUT,
C. B. BODA,
C. W. KURTZ,
C. J. KEPHART,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 17.—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The record of the United Brethren Church on the temperance question is clear, clean, and consistent. It has never been guilty of traitorous conduct toward the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ by giving aid and comfort to the saloon, the devil's chief instrument in degrading, debauching, and damning humanity.

There is not an offense in the criminal annals of our country that has not been increased and emphasized by the saloon. It is out of harmony with those social and economic ideals responsible for the marvelous growth of our magnificent commonwealth. It feeds hate and starves love. It nourishes anarchy and debauches government. It develops all that which is worst in mankind, and demoralizes that which is best. No wonder that the Supreme Court, the highest tribunal of our land, has said that the saloon has no inherent right to exist.

Many of them are not existing, for the power of God Almighty manifested through the church, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Prohibition Party, the Anti-Saloon League, and other kindred organizations has brought about legislation by means of which we are rapidly freeing our land from these dens of iniquity.

In every locality where the saloons have been banished it is a noteworthy fact that every calamity predicted by the liquor forces has failed to materialize. All of their arguments have been refuted by actual conditions, and in their place have come the blessings of better schools, better homes, better churches, and better business and lower taxes where the spirit of the law has been carried out.

But the victory is not complete. The opposition is better organized, is more desperate, and more deceptive than ever. In the

last session of the Legislature an effort was made to weaken and cripple some of our temperance legislation.

It is well known that the liquor forces are trying to capture the next legislature with the hope of being able to repeal some of our late temperance laws.

Nearly all of the great papers of the land are partial to the liquor interests and are filling their columns with articles and clippings favorable to the maintenance of the saloon, or at least reflecting upon the success of those localities, counties, or States having voted out the saloon.

In view of the foregoing facts, the Miami Conference of the United Brethren in Christ declare the following:

1. We favor all present legislation whose object is the abolition of the saloon, and such further legislation as may finally prohibit the manufacture and the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

2. We recommend that our voters support only such candidates for the legislature this fall as are known to favor present temperance laws and such further temperance legislation as may be needed to make present legislation effective.

4. We condemn the manifest partial tendency of many of our newspapers toward the liquor interests and demand of them fair play between the contestants in this great battle.

5. We hereby convey our greetings to the Hon. W. J. Bryan and our congratulations upon his manly stand and courageous fight for the cause of temperance. We suggest that his conduct has placed behind him in the fight the good will, the best wishes, and the prayers of this nation's best citizenship.

A. A. MAYSILLES,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 18.—COMMITTEE ON FIRST YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

We, your committee, beg to report the following:

1. That R. M. Fox, Pearl Brann, Roy Mattis, J. A. Albright, C. E. Plack, C. E. Hetzler, O. O. Arnold, A. A. Grill, and M. O. Stine be continued in their present relations.

2. In the case of C. E. Gummere, it appears that he has held an Annual Conference relationship with us for a number of years, and that no effort on his part has been made to pursue his Conference Course of Reading. We recommend that he be referred back to a quarterly conference relationship.

3. It is the sense of this Conference that Annual Conference license should be withheld until the applicant is ready either to enter upon a course of study in the Seminary, or to take up and pursue the prescribed course of reading.

H. H. FOUT,
CYRUS J. KEPHART,
J. G. HUBER.

REPORT NO. 19.—SECOND YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

The committee reports no applicants for examination.

W. H. KLINEFELTER,
C. W. KURTZ,
J. E. YINGLING,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 20.—RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

WHEREAS, Brothers P. M. Camp and Warren L. Bunger have been invited and have seen fit to accept the invitation to take up work in other conferences for the purpose of the extension of Christ's kingdom; and,

WHEREAS, They have been so closely identified with all the workings of this Conference, and by their personalities endeared themselves to us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Miami Conference, hereby acknowledge the value of their services, wishing them godspeed and praying his blessings upon them.

J. D. NISEWONDER,
C. B. BODA.

REPORT NO. 21.—REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

With becoming gratitude do we express sincere appreciation of the increasing home missionary activity in the United Brethren Church. By referring to the quadrennial report as made to our late General Conference, and the last annual report of the Secretary, a great increase in number and membership of our home mission fields will be seen. Five years ago there were reported five thousand five hundred and sixteen members. The number of fields has nearly doubled with ten thousand six hundred and eighty-nine members. During the five years churches representing six thousand one hundred and ninety-four members have passed off from the list of the society to self or Conference support. This number, if added to those now on the list, would equal sixteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, or more than three times the number five years ago.

The enlarged interest in this department, as shown in institutions of learning, in influential congregations, and in the lives of well-to-do Christians, is deserving of earnest and universal thanks. Opportunities are great, exceeding our ability in money and men, and require a new enlistment of workmen and of means, and challenge our utmost endeavors to plant and maintain the banner of the cross. The demands of our Lord upon us call for a new con-

secration in the homes, in the Sunday schools, and in the colleges to the work of the gospel ministry. They call upon our parents to create a Christian atmosphere; upon our superintendents and pastors to make frequent mention of the field of the ministry to the Sunday school and church audiences; they call upon our colleges to emphasize at chapel prayers in the presence of all the students, at least once a month, the obligation to give heed to the divine voice in choosing a life work.

The multiplication of unsaved men in our cities makes redoubled diligence necessary to save both souls and cities. The establishment of towns on the frontier constitutes a call whose neglect will be counted as sin. The loss of four members for every five new ones received during the last Conference year is explained largely by our delay in organizing city work, and in itself should stimulate activity, arouse denominational energy, and deepen Christian consecration to a degree hitherto unknown in our Church. We are compelled to enter the frontiers and centers of population as a matter of self-protection. If a business firm saw a source of great loss or leakage it would put forth its supreme effort to stop such waste. The Church should exercise as much business sagacity as any commercial enterprise.

In view of the foregoing:

(1) We most heartily endorse plans for the general forward movement for the extension of the work in the home field.

(2) Believing that much of the present home missionary enthusiasm is based on knowledge of the field, we commend the educational work that has been done by the Home Missionary Board, and promise the closest coöperation in organizing and conducting home mission study classes wherever such work is possible, also planning home mission rallies.

(3) We favor a monthly missionary offering in the Sunday school wherever practicable, but, should this not be possible in any church on account of local conditions, no school should fail to take an offering during each of the two quarterly home mission periods. In harmony with the established custom of American Protestantism, we designate the Sunday preceding our national Thanksgiving Day when all the forces the Sunday school commands should be rallied in the interest of home missions with appropriate programs and a free-will offering.

(4) In view of the honorary representation in the annual home missionary board meeting, but with a wider appreciation of the help our Sunday-school forces can be in the evangelization of this country, we endorse heartily the proposal that a hundred classes give a hundred dollars each to home missions, and believe that the plan should be consummated as early as practicable.

(5) The support of home missionary pastors by local congregations, or by individuals, has our unqualified approval, toward which all funds given by congregation, church departments, Sunday-school classes, or individuals may be appropriated.

(6) Believing that evangelization lies very near the heart of the Son of God, we express our gratitude for the many souls born into the kingdom through this phase of our home missionary work, and promise those engaged in this service our sympathy and our prayers.

(7) Observant of the growing field for the work of deaconesses, we are in complete accord with the Home Missionary Society in promoting this new department of church life, and approve the step already taken by Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and others that may be in contemplation, for a better preparation to engage in this line of service.

(8) With appreciation of the work of the Woman's Missionary Association, we pledge our help in increasing the numerical and financial strength and the general efficiency of this society, looking toward the enlistment of all our women in this important duty.

(9) We recognize the wisdom of the late General Conference in directing that the Laymen's Missionary Movement (as far as our denomination is concerned) should be both home and foreign in its educational and benevolent work.

(10) The ever-increasing demands made upon us by the city and the frontier, and the proper care of our own members moving beyond the bounds of our Church, constitutes a call for funds equal at least to an average of 25 cents per member from our respective charges, and we will not cease to talk, pray, preach, and give for home missions until this goal is attained.

REPORT NO. 22.—REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to audit the accounts of your various funds, beg to report that we have carefully examined all books and accounts submitted to us and found them correct with proper receipts for all expenditures, and cash on hand and in bank to cover all balances.

As to your request that we submit some new plan or system of reports and accounting, we feel this is something that would require time and consideration more than we are able to work out satisfactorily, and suggest that it be referred to your Conference treasurer with whom we shall be glad to advise.

However, we recommend that some modern system of accounting with uniform vouchers for every expenditure be instituted, and suggest that the complete system used by the General Church Treasurer with certain modifications might be found adaptable to

the needs of the Conference, and answer all the requirements embodied in your resolution.

We further recommend that the secretaries in preparing copy for the printed minutes omit all columns from statistical tables that are found blank with an explanatory note at bottom stating that all such collections for such purposes are included in the budget.

We recommend that hereafter statistical reports shall be so made that figures will not be duplicated in the chart and enable perfect trial balances in all reports. As a further step in advance we recommend that your treasurer shall prepare and place in the hands of every pastor, at least two weeks previous to Conference, uniform blanks for reporting, and that the pastor shall return said reports with draft or check and all receipts for money paid in during the year not later than the first day of the Conference to the treasurer, giving him time to complete his work and enjoy the sessions of the Conference to participate in the religious side of things.

CHARLES J. HALL,
A. T. MARTIN,
L. O. MILLER.

REPORT NO. 23.—REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Assessments for Conference Interests.

Bishop's salary	$750
Preachers' Aid	1,000
Sunday-School General Fund	350
Bonebrake Seminary	600
Beneficiary Education	300
Otterbein University	600
Conference Church Extension	4,500
Church Erection	1,500
	$11,500

Presiding Elder's Salary	$1,650
American Bible Society	250

Assessments to Charges.

	Budget	*Presiding Elder*	*Bible Cause*
Arcanum	276	42	7
Bowlusville	46	10	2
Beavertown	133	28	4
Brookville	280	40	6
Cherry Grove	215	41	6
Colerain	154	30	5

Cincinnati—	*Budget*	*Presiding Elder*	*Bible Cause*
Willey Memorial	93	26	4
Clifton	36	12	1
Norwood	31	12	1
College Hill	16	4	1
Dayton—			
First Church	747	70	12
High Street	155	30	5
Oak Street	444	55	9
Riverdale	205	35	6
East Dayton	133	16	3
Hartford Street	195	36	6
Home Avenue	179	30	5
Summit Street	539	60	10
Miami Chapel	153	28	4
Olivet	35	8	1
Belmont	35	8	1
Fairview	60	12	1
Troy Street	47	16	2
Carrmonte	10	4	1
Ft. McKinley	10	4	1
Eaton	108	18	3
Eldorado	230	40	6
Greenville	200	36	6
Germantown	308	48	8
Hamilton	56	14	1
Harrison	61	20	2
Ithaca	250	40	6
Kingsville and Englewood.	61	14	2
Lewisburg	148	28	4
Liberty	280	48	6
Lockington	153	40	4
Miamisburg	82	20	3
Middletown	174	32	5
Millville	51	12	2
Mt. Healthy	84	22	3
New Haven	240	38	6
New Madison	105	20	6
New Hope & Pleasant Hill.	175	36	6
Newport	84	26	4
North Bend	77	18	3
Otterbein	159	30	5
Piqua	86	16	2
Rossburg	143	28	4
Rosewood	180	39	6

	Budget	*Presiding Elder*	*Bible Cause*
Salem	276	44	7
Savona	174	35	5
Springfield	164	34	5
Sulphur Grove	143	24	4
Springboro	82	24	3
Union City	153	24	4
Union Circuit	82	20	3
Vandalia	225	36	6
Waterhouse	118	24	4
West Elkton	215	40	6
Wagner and Aley	127	20	3
	9,481	1,665	257

Appropriations.

Clifton	$500
Norwood	500
Hamilton	500
North Bend	150
Troy Street	300
Piqua	500
Belmont	150
Olivet	150
Newport	200
Miamisburg	125
Cheviot	150
Ft. McKinley	50
College Hill	200
	$3,475

Preachers' Aid Appropriations.

Mrs. F. M. Fowler	$50
Mrs. W. H. Lanthurn	50
Mrs. S. M. Hippard	50
H. A. Bovey	100
M. R. Geyer	60
J. P. Stewart	50
T. F. Bushong	300
	$660

Percentage Tables.

Interests	*Assessment*	*Per Cent.*
Bishop's Salary	$750	.080
Preachers' Aid	1,000	.106

Church Erection	1,500	.150
Sunday-School General Fund	350	.036
Bonebrake Seminary	600	.062
Beneficiary Education	300	.032
Otterbein University	600	.062
Conference Church Extension	4,500	.471

Neither Home Missions nor Foreign Missions are included in the budget. The minimum for Home Missions should be 25 cents per member, and for Foreign Missions, 50 cents per member.

C. W. KURTZ,
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C. B. BODA, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 24.—REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP.

There is no subject before the Church that is calling forth more thoughtful consideration than that of Christian Stewardship. If the Christian is to be safeguarded in these days of opportunity and material tendencies, it is necessary that in all our churches we give due attention to careful Bible instruction on the use of our material substance. Our people need to be carefully taught to guard against selfish hoarding and luxuriant and extravagant living.

God has given to every life an opportunity for helpful service. All are not called to the front like Barak. He has ordained that some, like Deborah, shall remain in their tents and render helpful ministry. In view of this it is plainly seen that God has ordained that whatever the Christian's vocation, if it be ordered by the Lord, he will be using his life for the extending of the Kingdom.

In the past we have sadly overlooked the relation of the getting and giving of our substance to the material and spiritual prosperity of the church. All through the teachings of the Old Testament this is strongly emphasized. Jesus gave to it the most careful and explicit attention. The apostles strongly emphasized the true relation of giving to the church's prosperity.

In view of this, your committee would recommend:

First. That, as a Conference, we will lovingly and cheerfully acquiesce in His will in the stewardship of our lives and the support of his church.

Second. That a proper and adequate support be arranged for the presiding elders and ministers of our Conference, and that the various charges seek by every just and scriptural way to increase the support of the ministers at least ten per cent.

Third. Recognizing the advantage of the weekly system of church support, we will seek to introduce the same on our various charges; for this method we would recommend the envelopes and supplies endorsed by the Commission.

Fourth. The pastors and various officials will find the new book, "The Better Way in Church Finances," by our General Secretary, very helpful in introducing and working this system of finances. This book can be secured through the Mail Order Department of the Publishing House for twenty-five cents per copy.

Fifth. We would recommend that our pastors hold a church finance day very early in the Conference year, using the Responsive Service prepared for such a day by the General Secretary. These can be secured for fifty cents per hundred by writing the office of the General Secretary.

Sixth. We most heartily recommend "The Victory of Mary Christopher" to all our churches, and rejoice to learn that more than twelve thousand families have been made better by placing this book in their homes. We pledge our support to the General Secretary in pushing this and other helpful literature until the entire Church is thoroughly informed on the scriptural method of getting, giving, and using our substance for the Lord's work.

Seventh. We recommend that in all our churches, church support, tithing, and the various phases of stewardship be made the subject of study. Where classes can be formed, we recommend that most excellent book, "Stewardship and Missions," by Dr. C. A. Cook, or "The Victory of Mary Christopher." Where classes cannot be formed, we would suggest that a single lesson study on "The Bible on Stewardship," prepared by the General Secretary, be used. This is adapted to either Sunday services or mid-week meetings.

Eighth. We pledge ourselves to renewed vigor in the tithing campaign that is now on, and will preach and teach this scriptural principle of church support. We will seek to enroll all those on our charges who practice this principle, and will send the names and addresses of the same to the office of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Boda,
G. W. Self,
J. D. Nisewonder,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 26.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION TREASURER.

1909-1910. *Receipts.*

Sept. 1.	Balance in treasury brought forward.....	$ 9 17
Sept. 1.	From Conference assessments.....	2,709 26
Oct. 6.	From Con. friend	44 51
Dec. 18.	From Conference treasurer	300 00
Jan. 11.	From Conference treasurer	100 00
Jan. 14.	From L. O. Miller, Gen. Treas. (borrowed)..	1,000 00
Jan. 28.	From Conference treasurer	114 00
Feb. 24.	From C. W. Kurtz, Conference Herald.....	25 00
Apr. 1.	From Conference treasurer	500 00
Apr. 16.	From Summit St. on Conf. Herald.....	5 00
Apr. 16.	From Aley's Chapel on Conf. Herald.....	75
May 5.	From Conference treasurer	500 00
May 18.	From C. W. Kurtz, Conf. Herald.....	35 00
July 1.	From Conference treasurer	300 00
July 22.	From C. W. Kurtz on Conf. Herald.....	15 00
Aug. 4.	From Conference treasurer	400 00
Aug. 24.	From Conference treasurer	1,000 00
Aug. 26.	From C. W. Kurtz, Conf. Herald.....	35 00
Total	.....	$7,092 69

Expenditures.

Sept. 1.	To Winters' Nat. Bank on temporary loan..	$1,000 00
Sept. 1.	To L. O. Miller on temporary loan.....	500 00
Sept. 10.	To J. W. Kilbourne, first quar. appro.....	100 00
Sept. 10.	To Pub. House for printing.....	8 85
Sept. 10.	To Conf. Ch. Erection, temporary loan.....	100 00
Sept. 29.	To F. H. Bohn, first quar. appro.....	125 00
Sept. 29.	To Calvin McNelley, first quar. appro.....	125 00
Sept. 29.	To C. B. Boda, first quar. appro.....	37 50
Sept. 29.	To R. M. Fox, first quar. appro.....	50 00
Oct. 1.	To G. W. Self., first quar. appro.....	75 00
Oct. 6.	To Clayton Judy, first quar. appro.....	12 50
Oct. 16.	To M. Hobson, first quar. appro.....	37 50
Oct. 22.	To J. J. Mullaney, first quar. appro.....	50 00
Oct. 26.	To J. W. Kilbourne, bal. first quar.....	25 00
Oct. 29.	To D. R. Wilson, first quar. appro.....	50 00
Oct. 29.	To A. W. Denlinger, first quar. appro.....	125 00
Oct. 29.	To A. Dunkelberger on first quar. appro.....	25 00
Oct. 29.	To Pub. House, Oct. Herald.....	20 00
Nov. 18.	Pub. House, express on Conf. Min.....	14 18
Nov. 24.	To J. B. Showers, first quar. appro.....	50 00
Dec. 10.	To Pub. House, Herald and cir. letters.....	32 25

Dec. 10.	To C. J. Kephart, postage, etc.	1 00
Dec. 10.	To Harrison Ch. minimum sal.	25 00
Dec. 10.	To A. Dunkelberger, bal. on first quar.	33 13
Dec. 10.	To Mt. Healthy, minimum sal.	12 50
Dec. 11.	To College Hill, second quar. appro.	50 00
Dec. 14.	To Troy Street, second quar. appro.	75 00
Dec. 20.	To Willey Mem., second quar. appro.	37 50
Dec. 21.	To Piqua Ch., second quar. appro.	125 00
Dec. 22.	To Norwood Ch., second quar. appro.	125 00
Dec. 22.	To Clifton Ch., second quar. appro.	125 00
Dec. 22.	To Mt. Healthy, second min. sal.	12 50
Jan. 6.	To Miamisburg, second quar. appro.	12 50
Jan. 11.	To Newport, second quar. appro.	37 50
Jan. 11.	To North Bend, second quar. appro.	50 00
Jan. 11.	To Yorkshire, first & second quar. min. sal.	25 00
Jan. 11.	To Pub. House for Dec. Conf. Herald.	18 50
Jan. 15.	To Pub. House for postage on Conf. Herald.	12 00
Jan. 18.	To Olivet Ch., second quar. appro.	50 00
Feb. 4.	To Fairview, min. sal.	8 12
Feb. 8.	To Fairview, second quar. appro.	50 25
Feb. 10.	To Pub. House, printing Conf. Min.	188 05
Feb. 14.	To Conf treasurer for postage.	2 50
Feb. 15.	To L. O. Miller, int. on West Side lot.	36 00
Feb. 17.	To Belmont Ch., second quar. appro.	50 00
Feb. 21.	To Hamilton Ch., second quar. appro.	125 00
Feb. 24.	To Brookville Bank on Clifton note.	15 00
Feb. 26.	To Pub. House for Feb. Herald.	13 70
Mar. 16.	To Troy St. Ch., third quar. appro.	75 00
Mar. 21.	To Willey Mem., third quar. appro.	37 50
Mar. 21.	To Norwood Ch., third quar. appro.	125 00
Mar. 21.	To Clifton Ch., third quar. appro.	125 00
Mar. 21.	To Newport Ch., third quar. appro.	37 50
Mar. 21.	To College Hill Ch., third quar. appro.	50 00
Mar. 21.	To Mt. Healthy Ch., third quar. min. sal.	12 50
Apr. 1.	To Pub. House, mailing Conf. Herald.	3 00
Apr. 2.	To Miamisburg, third quar. appro.	12 50
Apr. 2.	To Piqua Ch., third quar. appro.	125 00
Apr. 11.	To treasurer for postage.	2 00
Apr. 16.	To Brookville Bank, int. on Clifton note.	15 00
Apr. 22.	To Pub. House for March Herald.	16 70
Apr. 22.	To Olivet Ch., third quar. appro.	50 00
Apr. 22.	To Belmont Ch., third quar. appro.	50 00
Apr. 22.	To Hamilton Ch., third quar. appro.	125 00
May 11.	To Fairview Ch., third quar. appro.	63 25
May 12.	To Pub. House for April Herald.	16 70

June 8.	To Pub. House on May Herald	13 70
June 13.	To New Hope Ch., min. sal	50 00
June 21.	To Troy St. Ch., fourth quar. appro	75 00
June 21.	To Willey Mem., fourth quar. appro	37 50
June 21.	To Norwood Ch., fourth quar. appro	125 00
June 21.	To Clifton Ch., fourth quar. appro	125 00
June 21.	To Newport Ch., fourth quar. appro	37 50
June 21.	To College Hill Ch., fourth quar. appro	50 00
June 21.	To Mt. Healthy Ch., fourth quar. min. sal	12 50
June 24.	To Pub. House for June Herald	13 70
July 18.	To Cheviot S. S. Deaconess Work	25 00
July 18.	To North Bend, third and fourth quar. appro.	100 00
July 18.	To Olivet Ch., fourth quar. appro	50 00
July 18.	To Belmont Ch., fourth quar. appro	50 00
July 18.	To Piqua Ch., fourth quar. appro	125 00
July 18.	To Hamilton Ch., fourth quar. appro	125 00
July 18.	To Fairview Ch., fourth quar. appro	63 25
July 18.	To Miamisburg Ch., fourth quar. appro	12 50
July 22.	To Pub. House for July Herald	13 70
Aug. 26.	To treasurer for postage	1 00
Aug. 26.	To L. O. Miller, Gen. Ch. Treas., on temporary loan	1,000 00
Aug. 31.	To A. Barnhardt, third and fourth quar-min. sal.	25 00
Aug. 26.	To Pub. House for Aug. Herald	13 70
	Total	$6,964 23

Summary.

Total receipts	$7,092 69
Total expenditures	6,964 23
Balance in treasury	$128 46

Present Liability.

To Conf. Church Erection treasurer	$475 00
On West End church lot, Dayton, Ohio	300 00
Total	$775 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. Camp,
Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 26.—TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON CONFERENCE CHURCH ERECTION.

1909-1910.	*Receipts.*	
Sept. 1.	Balance in treasury brought forward.....	$34 24
Sept. 10.	From Conf. Ch. Ex. temporary loan.....	100 00
Sept. 10.	From Conference assessments	539 21
Nov. 4.	From sale of Quincy church.....	196 44
Dec. 2.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	75 00
Feb. 26.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	75 00
Mar. 29.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	125 00
May 5.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	100 00
June 2.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	100 00
June 17.	From loan to Willey Mem. church.....	75 00
Total		$1,419 89
	Loans Granted.	
Oct. 13.	To College Hill church on debt to N. L. Pierson	$500 00
Nov. 10.	To Piqua church for term of three years....	196 44
June 13.	To Norwood church on debt to F. H. Bohn..	500 00
July 1.	To trustees of Fairview church, temporary loan	200 00
Total		$1,396 44
	Summary.	
Total receipts		$1,419 89
Total expenditures		1,396 44
Balance in treasury.....		$23 45

REPORT NO. 27.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT OF BUDGET COLLECTIONS.

	Receipts.	
Amount raised		$ 8,632 00
	Expenditures.	
Church Erection	$ 1,388 00	
Bishop's salary	687 00	
Preachers' Aid	731 00	
Sunday school	318 00	
Seminary	550 00	
Beneficiary	275 00	
Otterbein University	550 00	
Church Extension.....	4,133 00	
Total		$ 8,632 00

Charge	Budget	Amount Paid	Deficit	Home Missions	Bible Cause	Total
Arcanum	270 00	250 00	20 00	20 00		270 00
Beavertown	155 00	102 00	53 00	32 50		134 50
Belmont	35 00	35 00		5 00		40 00
Bowlusville	45 00	30 10	14 90	3 00		33 10
Brookville	275 00	275 00				275 00
Cherry Grove	210 00	210 00		20 00		230 00
Clifton	35 00	35 00				35 00
Colerain	150 00	150 00				150 00
East Dayton	130 00	130 00		43 49		173 49
Eaton	105 00	105 00		12 50		117 50
Eldorado	225 00	225 00		28 20		253 20
Fairview	60 00	60 00				60 00
First Church	735 00	735 00		200 00		935 00
Germantown	335 00	335 00		30 00		365 00
Greenville	195 00	195 00		33 00		228 00
Hamilton	55 00	55 00		15 00		70 00
Harrison	90 00	20 60	69 40	12 32		32 92
Hartford St	210 00	115 00	95 00	35 00		150 00
High St	150 00	150 00		85 55		235 55
Home Ave	165 00	165 00				165 00
Ithaca	245 00	245 00		6 15		251 15
Kingsville	10 00	10 00		2 70		10 70
Lewisburg	145 00	83 00	62 00	6 35		89 35
Liberty	275 00	275 00		34 17	2 00	311 17
Lockington	150 00	72 30	77 70	13 32		85 62
Miami Chapel	150 00	150 00		28 50		178 50
Miamisburg	80 00	80 00		4 77		84 77
Middletown	135 00	135 00		9 00		144 00
Millville	50 00	10 27	39 73			10 27
Mt. Healthy	82 00	82 00				82 00
New Haven	235 00	235 00				235 00
New Hope	100 00	69 70	30 30	10 00		79 70
New Madison	170 00	139 10	30 90			139 10
Newport	82 00	82 00		5 07		87 07
Norwood	30 00	30 00		10 00		40 00
North Bend	75 00	75 00		15 00		90 00
Oak St	435 00	435 00		138 75		573 75
Olivet	35 00	35 00		10 94		45 94
Otterbein	155 00	155 00				155 00
Piqua	85 00	85 00		20 00	2 00	107 00
Riverdale	180 00	180 00		10 00		190 00
Rosewood	175 00	175 00		21 39		196 39
Rossburg	160 00	100 00	60 00	5 00		105 00
Salem	270 00	270 00		95 00		365 00
Savona	170 00	170 00		8 50		178 50
Springboro	80 00	30 00	50 00			30 00
Springfield	165 00	165 00		10 70		175 70
Sulphur Grove	140 00	140 00		7 60		147 60
Summit St	530 00	530 00		164 35		694 35
Troy St	45 00	45 00				45 00
Union City	135 00	135 00		26 16		161 16
Union Circuit	80 00	80 00		23 08		103 08
Vandalia	270 00	210 23	59 77	24 71		234 94
Wagner and Aley	125 00	127 25		27 65		154 90
Waterhouse	115 00	76 00	39 00	8 00		84 00
West Elkton	210 00	210 00		25 50		235 50
Willey Memorial	80 00	80 00		10 00		90 00
Yorkshire	85 00	37 48	47 52	4 00		41 48
College Hill		10 00		7 00		17 00
Carrmonte Chapel				2 25		2 25
Grand Total	9,369 00	8,632 03	749 22	1,371 17	4 00	10,007 20

REPORT NO. 28.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE HERALD PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

Jan. 11.	Cash received for subscriptions...	$55 75	
Feb. 15.	Cash received for subscriptions...	13 50	
Feb. 26.	Cash received for subscriptions...	5 75	
Mar.	Cash received for subscriptions...	17 25	
Apr.	Cash received for subscriptions...	4 25	
May	Cash received for subscriptions...	3 50	
June	Cash received for subscriptions...	3 75	
Aug.	Cash received for subscriptions...	75	
Feb. 11.	On advertising, Chas. Herby.....	1 00	
Feb. 11.	On advertising, G. W. Tisher.....	4 00	
Mar. 4.	On advertising, Acme Seed Co....	1 00	
Apr. 22.	On advertising, Gem City Bldg. & Loan	2 00	
Apr. 27.	On advertising, U. B. Publishing.	2 50	
May 23.	On advertising, C. A. P. Barrett Co.	3 00	
July 19.	On advertising, U. B. Pub. House	2 50	
July 19.	On advertising, G. W. Tisher....	4 00	
July 19.	On advertising, Chas. Herby.....	2 00	
July 21.	On advertising, A. Newsalt.....	3 00	
	Total		$129 50
	Due on subscriptions.....	28 25	
	Due on advertising.....	33 00	
	Total		$61 25
	Grand total		$190 75

Jan.	For typewriting	$ 30	
Jan.	For postage	1 20	
Feb.	For postage	17	
Feb.	For notary public.....	25	
Feb.	To P. M. Camp, Conf. treas.....	25 00	
Feb.	To postage	17	
Mar.	To postage	44	
Apr.	To postage	1 25	
Apr.	To wrapping paper.....	20	
May 17.	To P. M. Camp, Conf. treas.....	35 00	
July 22.	To P. M. Camp, Conf. treas.....	15 00	
Aug. 23.	To P. M. Camp, Conf. treas.....	35 00	
Aug. 30.	To P. M. Camp, Conf. treas.....	15 52	
	Total receipts		$129 50
	Total expenditures		$129 50

REPORT NO. 29.—TREASURER'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Fourth quarter	$1,631 64	
Total for year	$3,742 28	
Arcanum		$23 08
Bowlusville		100 50
Beavertown		63 75
Brookville (S. S., $17.00)	$48 15	99 10
Cincinnati—Cherry Grove	20 00	30 00
Willey Memorial	19 04	42 34
Norwood	10 00	10 00
College Hill	5 00	5 00
Colerain		68 50
Dayton—Belmont	5 00	7 50
Carrmonte	2 25	2 25
East Dayton	97 13	249 02
Fairview	6 20	24 75
First Church	117 18	500 00
Hartford Street	22 00	32 00
High Street	126 45	143 20
Home Avenue	14 50	17 50
Miami Chapel	30 00	46 25
Oak Street	216 25	335 00
Olivet	16 42	21 42
Riverdale	44 91	109 34
Summit Street	100 00	214 85
Troy Street	5 00	27 26
Wagner and Aley	40 04	40 04
Eaton	17 16	39 25
Eldorado	55 95	142 95
Germantown	50 00	77 50
Greenville	32 00	39 50
Hamilton	15 00	45 50
Harrison	4 61	9 61
Ithaca	11 20	36 12
Kingsville	8 70	8 70
Lewisburg		23 39
Liberty	68 09	106 16
Lockington	5 00	20 77
Miamisburg	2 25	16 80
Middletown	16 00	136 60
Millville, S. S.	1 00	8 62
Mt. Healthy	24 00	46 00
New Hope	9 00	10 50
North Bend	15 00	15 00
New Haven		38 21

Newport		8 98
New Madison	8 50	40 30
Otterbein		41 75
Piqua	5 00	30 00
Pleasant Hill	62 05	72 05
Rossburg		5 00
Rosewood		42 90
Salem	59 50	159 75
Savona (S. S., $7.98)	21 38	40 35
Springfield	6 46	70 46
Sulphur Grove	13 00	26 74
Springboro	3 00	3 00
Union City	5 19	30 00
Union Circuit	9 65	35 00
Vandalia	16 00	41 99
West Elkton	22 36	43 61
Waterhouse	9 00	9 00
Yorkshire	5 07	5 07
Unclassified		2 50
Branch Young People's societies	150 00	

The following charge gave nothing: Clifton.

The amount from the Branch was distributed to the charges in the annual report.

REV. J. L. SWAIN,
Treasurer,
Germantown, Ohio.

September 15, 1910.

REPORT NO. 29½.—GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. We greatly appreciate the enthusiastic leadership of our presiding officer, Bishop Mathews, whom we are proud to claim as one of our own members.

2. We gratefully acknowledge the hospitality of Pastor Kilbourne, the people of Piqua church, and the friends of the Church in the community who have very kindly opened their homes. We rejoice in the privilege of meeting in this splendid church that marks a new epoch for United Brethrenism in this city.

3. We count it a special honor that we have at least nine members present at this session of between seventy-three and eighty-six years of age, and of between forty-five and sixty-five years' service in the ministry. We invoke God's blessing upon them and wish them continued health and strength.

4. We thank the newspaper men, Mr. Richards, of the Piqua Daily Call, Mr. Thompson, of the Leader Dispatch, and Mr. Perry, correspondent of Dayton papers, for their faithfulness and diligence in reporting the Conference.

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation for the music furnished by the Conference Quartet, and we earnestly request them to continue the quartet and fill any vacancy which may occur during the year.

C. B. BODA,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 30.—REPORT OF TREASURER OF PREACHERS' AID FUND.

Receipts.

Aug. 28, 1909.	Balance in treasury.....	$541 74	
Oct. 1, 1909.	Interest	37 50	
May 20, 1910.	Interest	50 50	
Aug. 15, 1910.	H. A. Sechrist.....	5 00	
Total receipts			$634 74

Disbursements.

Mrs. M. M. Fowler.....	$50 00	
Mrs. W. H. Lanthurn.....	50 00	
Mrs. S. M. Hippard.....	50 00	
Mrs. C. Bodey	50 00	
Rev. H. A. Bovey.....	100 00	
Rev. M. R. Geyer.....	60 00	
Rev. J. P. Stewart.....	50 00	
Rev. T. F. Bushong.....	200 00	
Rev. W. J. Pruner.....	150 00	
Lock-box rent	1 00	
Postage	1 00	
Total disbursements		$762 00
Overdrawn, September 1, 1910.....		$127 26

Permanent Fund Statement.

Sept. 1, 1910. Note and bonds in treasury..... $1,736 40

H. A. SECHRIST,
Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 31.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We are living in an age when every pathway should be illuminated with a light that would attract the rushing multitudes to a place of rest, and this should be to the sanctuary on the holy Sabbath day; life's pathway must be interjected with something that will give rest, and this rest should be found on the holy Sabbath, for we are commanded to work six days and rest on the seventh day.

There are shadows in this twentieth century that are falling like a great avalanche across the pathways of men, and are blinding them to the beauties of the church and the holy Sabbath. As a Church, and as professed followers of Christ, we must grapple with these shadows, and turn them into beacon lights so that men may see the error of their ways and turn again to righteousness.

The rum power would know no Sabbath, and the monetary greed of men would trample it under their feet, and the pleasure-seeking multitudes would flirt at it as if it were their god. These are becoming the bane of society, and are casting a shadow upon the holy day that robs it of its sanctity, and subtracts from its sweetness.

This life is one of rush and effort; it is the age of the lightning express train, electricity, wireless telegraphy, automobile, and aeroplane; when years are crowded into months, and weeks into days. This feverish haste threatens the religious life, for the stream has already entered our churches and disturbed their sanctity and the reverence due the Sabbath day.

The fourth commandment seems to have lost its meaning as we look upon the great drama of human life, and see each having a theology of his own, thus throwing the world into a great dilemma, leaving it as a stagnant pool into which flow no pure streams, and out of which flow germs of stagnation. We are persuaded to believe that the Sabbath has lost its place of reverence.

There are so many that love to follow the Master through the grain field, but are not willing to follow him into the sanctuary on the Sabbath day.

The Book of books tells us that it "was his custom to go into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." These words disclose a Sunday habit of the greatest life; it was a good habit. I would to God that more of our people had it. It meant communion with the best and holiest, a friend and Father; nor was it merely for intellectual stimulus, which the lectures and concerts of to-day are supposed to impart. It was "rest," most profound "rest," anchoring the soul to God, a return which listless idleness will not give. This habit left a good influence on others, for the whole community took notice of this practice. Likewise every neighborhood is susceptible to influence from the same habit, or from a habit of neglect. This habit threw new light upon life's pathway; as the Master opened the Book there was flashed forth light upon his own pathway. Church going must not be for "forgiveness of sins" alone, but for the light upon life's course, which Sunday newspapers and magazines cannot impart. Everything that we permit on the Sabbath that is contrary to the divine plan helps to snuff out the light and darken the cloud that overhangs humanity. This day was set apart to elevate man's burdens, illuminate his mind,

and clear his spiritual vision. This can not be done by Sunday visiting (if it requires the neglect of services), or by ball games, or excursions. This can be attained only by prayer, reading something good, and attending the means of grace.

We would recommend that there be a greater spirit of loyalty to all of the services of our churches, and urge that fewer excuses be made to neglect them. That we discourage the theory of one service a day as being sufficient, for we believe that this would be obnoxious to the Spirit of God and a brand in the hand of Satan to burn out all of the services and make it a day of revelry. To observe the day and keep it holy, one must stand in direct opposition to everything that would detract from its sacredness, and leave it no longer the sign board to direct the Christian to eternal rest. Be it

Resolved, First. That we, as a Church and Conference, keep ourselves on record as being opposed to all legislation, or enactment of laws, that would in any way conflict with the divine plan of the holy Sabbath; and that we deplore the attempt to enact a law by passing the Anderson Bill to legalize ball playing on the Sabbath. Had it passed it would have been an opening wedge for other and more dangerous Sabbath desecrations. That we appreciate the action of Governor Harmon in having the good business sense to recognize the unconstitutionality of the bill, and in vetoing the same; and by it kept one more stain from our State and flag, and one less insult to God and the church.

Second. That we at all times and under all circumstances stand by the men who will give us protection of the Sabbath, both by legislation and enforcement of laws.

Third. That we give our hearty support to the business men who close their places of business, and to the laboring men who frankly refuse to labor on the Sabbath, unless in extreme case of necessity.

Fourth. That we condemn the running of excursions, holding of picnics, ball games, reunions, and the keeping open of the soda fountains, speak-easy lunch rooms, and all unnecessary business and pleasure resorts on the Sabbath day.

Fifth. That we condemn the action of all mayors and appeal to the Christian people to stand by and vote for such men as will give us enforcement of temperance and Sabbath laws.

Sixth. That the Church members give a better observance of the fourth commandment, so that the holy Sabbath day may become the torch light of the week, illuminating every pathway, thus directing many into the haven of eternal Sabbath where their rest will be perpetual.

C. W. Stephens,
Committee.

REPORT NO. 33.—REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Charles William Kurtz, *Presiding Elder.*

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NOTES OF THE EVENING AND SABBATH SERVICES

The Wednesday evening session was devoted to the Otterbein Brotherhood. Mr. H. C. Cridland presided. Prayer by Rev. E. S. Weimer. The quartet sang "Is He Yours?"

The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. J. G. Huber. He spoke of the three great fields for work, as well as three great forces at work. The church that is true to her commission must reach every individual in its parish. To do this successfully it must have modern facilities so that it shall be a college in Christian *training* and *service*. He made a strong plea for the deepening of the spiritual life of the membership and for provision for sane social life.

The Brotherhood stands for friendship, which every man craves, and for the world-wide spread of the gospel of Christ to every clime.

At the close a Conference Brotherhood was organized with the following officers: A. T. Martin, president; O. A. Miller, vice-president; William Sherbeck, secretary-treasurer.

Thursday evening was devoted to Foreign Missions, Rev. J. L. Swain presiding. The chief address was given by Rev. J. G. Huber, D.D., who was followed by Miss Mabel Drury, who is soon to set sail for China, where she is to take charge of the Elizabeth Kumler Miller Memorial School.

Rev. J. E. Knipp read a letter from Rev. T. Ishiguro, of Japan, describing the progress that is being made in the Sunrise Kingdom.

Friday night was devoted to Temperance. Prof. A. A. Maysilles presiding, who read the resolutions on temperance.

The address of the evening was delivered by F. L. Dustman, Westerville, Ohio, editor of the American Issue, the Anti-Saloon League organ, and for seventeen years writer for the Toledo Blade. In a clean-cut address, characterized by an excellent marshaling of facts and the speaker's native epigrammatical humor, Mr. Dustman told an interesting story of the growth of temperance sentiment in the United States and in the State of Ohio in particular. He showed how the consumption of beer per capita has decreased in the country and how the number of saloons in Ohio has been reduced from fourteen thousand to seven thousand, and the best evidence of the effectiveness of temperance laws is the hard fight that

is being made against them by the liquor interests. He dwelt on the Newark lynching, and praised the report of the Grand Jury, especially that part of it that censured the people of Licking County and of the city of Newark for electing such men to office as the sheriff, the mayor, and the chief of police, who permitted the lynching.

SENATOR YOUNT ATTACKED.

Mr. Dustman bitterly attacked Senator Henry L. Yount, of the Piqua district, who, he said, is a disgrace to his constituency. I have no regard for any man, said the speaker, who isn't true to his word. Senator Yount faithfully promised to vote for the Black Bill, empowering the governor to remove mayors who fail to do their duty; and on the day the bill was to come to a vote, he gave his word of honor that he would support it. His name was last on the list and his vote would have passed or killed the measure, but he voted "No" and defeated it. Mr. Dustman urged all to carefully look into the records of the men who are to be voted on for public office this fall.

Saturday evening was devoted to the subject of Education. Strong philosophical addresses were made by Prof. S. D. Faust, D.D., of Bonebrake Seminary, and Prof. T. J. Sanders, D.D., of Otterbein University.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday school was held at 9 a.m., 225 being present. The collection amounted to $17.51.

At 10:30 Bishop G. M. Mathews, D.D., preached the Conference sermon. Rev. G. W. Arnold read the scripture lesson. Dr. D. K. Flickinger led in prayer. The offertory prayer was made by Presiding Elder C. W. Kurtz. The quartet sang "What Did He Do."

The Bishop took for his text, John 14:6, "I Am the Truth." This reveals the *divine egotism* of Jesus Christ. "You have hard things to do," said Christ to his disciples, "and you must know me that you shall not falter when the storm breaks over your heads." If we do not believe He is the Truth, we had better quit preaching. The truth of an incarnate Christ is an eternal fact. Jesus Christ is sublimely supernatural. This truth has satisfying power. Men drink at many sources, but there is but one fountain. The Truth gives life, as we see in China's awakening. The regenerating power of the Truth is the only thing that can save this sin-cursed world. Jesus is greater than his miracles, greater than the cross, he is divine—God manifested in the flesh. Jesus who loves us *so* will keep us if we will let him do so. We must have Jesus

Christ to be satisfied. We need to be filled with the fulness of Christ that enlarges our souls.

"Does Jesus Care," was sung by the quartet. After some practical remarks the Bishop read the Stationing Committee's report.

At 2:30 the Conference love feast was held, in charge of Rev. J. H. Mayne.

At 3:30 Bishop Mathews preached a great sermon on "Love" from the steps of the high-school building to a good-sized audience.

The evening sermon was preached by Rev. C. J. Kephart, D.D., to a full house, from Acts 2:46-47. It was a strong, plain, practical presentation of the truth.

NOTES

The entertainment by the pastor and ladies of the church, and the citizens of Piqua, who so generously opened their homes for our reception, was delightful. The Conference took advanced steps along several lines, and while there was earnest discussion upon some propositions, there was a sweet spirit of fellowship pervading the Conference from the first to last that gave each one in attendance a spiritual uplift that will make him stronger for service in the Master's work.

Revs. J. A. Pantle and W. I. Underwood led the song services very effectively.

The singing of the Conference Quartet was of a very high order and thoroughly appreciated by all.

Miss Clara Nelson, who presided at the piano very efficiently, was untiring in her service.

All felt that this Conference was all in all the "best yet."

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